



TOWN OF WESTON
ANNUAL REPORT — 1953

TOWN RECORDS 1953
AND
REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
WESTON
MASSACHUSETTS
For The Year Ending December 31, 1953



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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON, 1953

ELECTED BY THE VOTERS

	Term Expires
Moderator	
FRANCIS G. GOODALE	1954
Selectmen	
WM. R. DEWEY, JR., <i>Chairman</i>	1955
J. ROBERT AYERS	1954
CHARLES M. GANSON, <i>Secretary</i>	1956
Town Clerk	
EDWARD M. DICKSON	1956
Treasurer and Collector	
HELEN E. CUTTING	1954
Assessors	
WILLIAM P. COUES, <i>Chairman</i>	1955
MARSHALL DWINNELL	1954
GERALD W. BLAKELEY, JR., <i>Secretary</i>	1956
School Committee	
HENRY J. BURN, <i>Chairman</i>	1954
THEODORE B. BAYLES	1955
HOWARD GAMBRILL, JR.	1955
MARY C. NICHOLS	1956
FRANCES V. MARSHALL	1956
Board of Public Welfare	
ROBERT G. HUTCHINSON, <i>Chairman</i>	1954
HERBERT CROUCH	1956
ELIZABETH B. JANEWAY	1955
Water Commissioners	
CARL E. ANDERSON, <i>Chairman</i>	1956
HAROLD B. COLPITTS	1955
OSCAR A. SCHLAIKJER, <i>Secretary</i>	1954

Recreation Commission

KARL ADAMS, JR., <i>Chairman</i>	1955
HAROLD A. MOSHER	1954
PARKER WILLIAMS	1956
HARRY C. CRAWFORD, JR.	1956
MIRIAM W. HUTCHINSON	1954
ELIZABETH N. RAYNER	1955

Planning Board

E. OLSEN FIELD, <i>Chairman</i>	1954
DAVID BLANEY	1955
CHARLES V. COOKE	1956
T. ROBERT FROST (Resigned)	1957
GLENN N. LEMPEREUR (To fill vacancy)	1954
JOHN A. PAINE, JR.	1958

Library Trustees

GRANT M. PALMER, JR., <i>Chairman</i>	1955
MILES HANSON, JR.	1954
KATHLEEN H. ANTHONY (Resigned)	1956
MARJORY BLANEY (To fill vacancy)	1954

Park Commissioners

DONALD WYMAN, <i>Chairman</i>	1955
WALTER W. WELD	1956
RAY M. KOON	1954

Cemetery Commissioners

WALTER W. WELD, <i>Chairman</i>	1955
RAY M. KOON	1956
DONALD WYMAN	1954

Board of Health

DR. WILLIAM T. VAN HUYSEN, <i>Chairman</i>	1955
DR. CHARLES A. JANEWAY	1954
JOHN H. BISHOP, <i>Secretary</i>	1956

Measurers of Lumber

HAROLD A. OGILVIE	1954
CHARLES H. STIMPSON, JR.	1954
GEORGE M. BURKE	1954

Tree Warden

JOHN L. DUFFY	1954
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Commissioners of Trust Funds

HOMER F. WHITTEMORE, <i>Chairman</i>	1954
EDWARD B. HUBBARD	1955
MERTON E. WILLIAMS	1956

Trustees of the Merriam Fund

LOUISE D. BROTCHE	1954
GEORGE O. RUSSELL, JR.	1955
MARY R. BERRY	1956

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

Town Counsel

GRANT M. PALMER, JR.	1954
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Executive Secretary

J. WARD CARTER	1954
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Town Accountant

J. WARD CARTER	1954
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Town Engineer

CHARLES H. STIMPSON, JR.	1954
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Superintendent of Streets

STANLEY FABBRI	1954
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Moth Superintendent

JOHN L. DUFFY	1954
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Chief of Police

J. SUMNER VILES	1954
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Police Officers (under Civil Service)

LAWRENCE H. CUGINI	ROBERT P. LAZZARI
WILLARD J. FRYE (resigned)	FRANK J. WOODS
HAROLD L. LINGLEY	FRANK O. SHAW
ROBERT C. MILLEN	JOHN J. CRONIN, JR.

Permanent Reserve Police Officers (under Civil Service)

CHARLES N. PLACE	EDWARD J. BARBETTI
FREDERICK J. PERKINS	CHARLES E. MacLEOD

Constables and Dog Officers

J. SUMNER VILES	1954
LAWRENCE H. CUGINI	1954
WILLARD J. FRYE (resigned)	1954
ROBERT C. MILLEN	1954
ROBERT P. LAZZARI	1954
HAROLD L. LINGLEY	1954
FRANK J. WOODS	1954
FRANK O. SHAW	1954
JOHN J. CRONIN, JR.	1954

Constable

MAURICE L. UPHAM	1954
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Constable to Serve Civil Process

LAWRENCE H. CUGINI	1954
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Chief of Fire Department and Forest Warden
Inspector of Buildings and Inspector of Wires

MAURICE L. UPHAM	1954
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Assistant Inspector of Buildings
and Assistant Inspector of Wires

CHARLES H. STIMPSON, JR.	1954
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Registrars of Voters

FRANK J. CONNOLLY, Dem.	1956
JOHN J. CRONIN, Dem.	1954
EUGENE O. HANSON, Rep., <i>Chairman</i>	1955
THE TOWN CLERK, <i>ex officio</i>	

Scaler of Weights and Measures
Pound Keeper and Keeper of Lockup

J. SUMNER VILES	1954
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Historical Committee

GERTRUDE FISKE, <i>Chairman</i>	1956
HENRY W. PATTERSON	1954
EMMA F. RIPLEY	1955

Director of Civil Defense

E. PAUL FLOYD	
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**Burial Agent
Burial Agent for Veterans
Veteran Graves Officer**

WINFRED A. MARTIN 1954

Board of Appeals

ALFRED THOMAS, *Chairman* 1955

JOHN W. AYER 1954

GUY GARLAND 1956

Associate Members:

WALTER H. TRUMBULL 1955

MORTIMER T. FARLEY 1954

Director of Veterans' Services

AUSTIN S. HALE 1954

Veterans' Agent

WM. R. DEWEY, JR. 1954

Bulletin Committee

FREDERIC MANN, *Chairman* 1956

JOHN S. MYERS, JR. 1955

HENRY W. PATTERSON 1954

ADELAIDE P. SUMNER 1955

HARRY T. VAN HUYSEN 1954

WILLIAM T. WOLF 1956

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Finance Committee

RICHARD H. FIELD, *Chairman* 1954

PAUL D. BARTLETT 1956

JOHN G. BROOKS 1954

STANLEY G. FRENCH 1955

DONALD J. HURLEY 1955

EDWARD R. LANGENBACH 1956

CHARLES G. SQUIBB 1956

EVERETT M. STUDLEY 1954

ROBERT A. WARREN 1955

Memorial Day Committee

G. MURRAY BURKE	1954
LEONARD H. DOWSE	1954
FLORENCE HARRINGTON	1954
JULIUS H. MUELLER	1954
FRANK J. WOODS	1954

Special School Building Committee

(Appointed under Article 18 of warrant for March 31, 1952
Annual Town Meeting)

HARRY S. FERRIES, *Chairman*
 MYLES L. MACE
 OLLEY V. ROBBINS
 HERBERT W. WEBER (Resigned)
 FRANCES E. WYPLER
 JAMES S. TURNER (to fill vacancy)

Committee to Investigate and Report on Matter of Union Health Department

(Appointed under Article 2 of warrant for March 19, 1951
Annual Town Meeting)

WILLIAM T. VAN HUYSEN, *Chairman*
 JOHN H. BISHOP
 ERLUND FIELD
 ARCHIBALD G. MONKS
 BARBARA S. RICE

Committee to Investigate and Report on Matter of Town Forest

(Appointed under Article 14 of warrant for March 23, 1953
Annual Town Meeting)

JOHN L. DUFFY
 RAY M. KOON (resigned)
 SYLVIA STOCKMAYER
 ALBERT M. TABER
 WALTER W. WELD (to fill vacancy)
 DONALD WYMAN

Weston War Memorial Educational Fund Committee

Appointed under Article 13 of warrant for March 23, 1953
Annual Town Meeting)

RAYMOND W. COBURN	1958
ALICE TYLER FRASER	1957
HAROLD W. MARTIN	1956
JULIUS H. MUELLER	1955
ANTHONY BRAYTON	1954

Veterans' Housing Board

(Appointed under Article 16 of warrant for March 15, 1948)

ROBERT J. WILKES, *Chairman*
LEONARD H. DOWSE
D. STEPHEN THRALL
RICHARD P. HOLLAND

Weston-Rombas Affiliation Committee

To represent the Educational Institutions of Weston for a term of one year, expiring June 14, 1954:

From the Weston High School Faculty: ELEANOR A. MASTIN
From the Weston High School Student Body: JOHN FERRIES and
CLEORA STYRON
From Regis College Student Body: ANNE RAYMOND
From the Cambridge School Faculty: HILDA WASHBURN

Registered voters for three-year term (to expire 1956):

HENRY W. PATTERSON
MARY P. TRUMBULL
JOHN W. BOYD
JEAN T. WEAVER

Registered voters for three-year term (to expire 1954):

MRS. C. F. GIMBER
EVERETT M. STUDLEY
PHILIP D. BASSETT

Registered voters for three-year term (to expire 1955):

WALTER H. TRUMBULL
MRS. DAVID C. WISWALL
MRS. FRANCIS G. SHEPARD

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Agent of the Board of Health

CURTIS M. HILLIARD	1954
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Inspector of Slaughtering and Inspector of Animals

DR. PAUL R. GRANHOLM	1954
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Inspector of Plumbing (under Civil Service)

HAROLD B. COLPITTS

Alternate Inspector of Plumbing (under Civil Service)

STEPHEN L. COLPITTS

Sanitary Inspector

ALFRED P. SPADA

1954

Agents to Issue Burial Permits

EDWARD M. DICKSON

1954

MURIEL R. VITTUM

1954

MARGARET E. BERRY

1954

WM. R. DEWEY, JR.

1954

J. WARD CARTER

1954

Commissioner, East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project

DONALDSON R. McMULLIN

Senators in Congress

{ LEVERETT SALTONSTALL OF NEWTON
{ JOHN F. KENNEDY OF BOSTON

Representative in Congress

HAROLD D. DONOHUE OF WORCESTER

Councillor

OTIS M. WHITNEY OF CONCORD

State Senator

CHARLES W. OLSEN OF ASHLAND

Representatives in General Court

{ J. ROBERT AYERS OF WESTON
{ WILLIAM E. HAYES OF WALTHAM

CALENDAR

SELECTMEN—Saturday mornings by appointment at the Town Hall,
Waltham 5-7320.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—First and third Tuesday of each month, 8 P.M.,
at the Elementary School. Open to public if requested in advance.
Waltham 5-6715.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS—Meetings by appointment.
Call Town Hall, Waltham 5-7320.

WATER COMMISSIONERS—Meetings by appointment. Call O. A.
Schlaikjer, Secretary. Waltham 5-0463.

BOARD OF HEALTH—Second Thursday of each month, 8 P.M.
Dr. William T. Van Huysen, Chairman, Waltham 5-6380.

VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD—Meetings by appointment.
Austin S. Hale, Director of Veterans' Services, Waltham 5-2724.

BOARD OF APPEALS	{ Alfred Thomas, Chairman	Waltham 5-2604
	{ John W. Ayer	Wellesley 5-3226
	{ Guy Garland	Waltham 5-5162M

PLANNING BOARD	{ E. Olsen Field, Chairman	Waltham 5-1938
	{ David Blaney	Wellesley 5-2975
	{ Charles V. Cooke	Waltham 5-0950
	{ John A. Paine, Jr.	Waltham 5-4079
	{ Glenn N. Lempereur	Waltham 5-7796

STATISTICS

	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
†Population		4,473					5,026			
Number of Voters	2,571	2,355	2563	2384	2665	2,519	2,676	2,585	3308	2,973
Number of Assessed Polls	1,829	1,609	1619	1571	1513	1,544	1,608	1,695	1787	1,811
Number of Dwelling Houses	1,017	1,019	1024	1037	1067	1,149	1,186	1,280	1347	1,439
§School Membership (average)	629	635	650	701	694	739	795	874	1,011	1,101
Valuation Real Estate	\$9,715,955	\$9,786,625.00	10,039,325.00	10,562,075.00	11,189,800.00	12,053,650.00	12,536,775.00	13,492,675.00	15,597,875.00	17,301,650.00
Valuation Personal Property	943,229	946,732.50	946,206.00	1,021,216.80	1,019,536.00	1,055,790.00	1,114,640.00	1,183,395.00	682,345.00	765,790.00
Total Assessed Valuation	\$10,659,184	\$10,733,357.50	\$10,985,531.00	\$11,583,291.80	\$12,209,336.00	\$13,109,440.00	\$13,651,415.00	\$14,676,070.00	\$16,280,120.00	\$18,067,440.00
State Income Tax	\$35,734.00	\$31,327.57	\$32,326.23	\$32,326.23	18,955.10	65,077.04	54,418.04	67,175.68	59,344.56	52,915.92
Corporation Tax	22,758.29	15,991.94	16,821.50	16,821.50	16,216.20	61,832.42	29,827.95	45,995.66	36,258.43	43,011.50
Gasoline Tax	12,890.99	12,365.99	9,488.63	9,488.63	10,920.00					
Received	\$71,383.28	\$59,685.50	\$58,436.36	\$58,436.36	\$46,091.30	\$126,909.46	84,245.99	113,171.34	95,602.99	95,927.42
State Tax	\$21,175.00	\$11,900.00	\$9,100.00	\$9,100.00	3,581.40	6,266.77	7,636.15	9,914.83	9,787.53	9,672.74
Metropolitan Tax	2,866.92	2,970.14	3,604.58	3,786.34	22,766.32	30,442.59	29,129.13	35,155.70	35,287.02	37,288.48
County Tax	16,666.46	17,026.77	19,922.31	24,295.59					45,054.55	46,961.22
Paid	\$40,718.38	\$31,896.91	\$32,626.89	\$37,181.93	\$26,347.72	\$36,709.36	36,765.28	45,070.53		
Town Debt	\$170,000	\$143,000	\$239,000.00	\$215,000.00	\$1,072,000.00	\$990,000.00	\$978,000.00	\$981,000.00	\$77,000.00	\$1,988,000.00
Tax Rate	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$24.50	\$27.50	\$30.50	\$38.50	\$33.50	\$38.70	\$40.00	\$39.00

*Includes assessments for Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital.
 †1945 State Census, 1950 Federal Census.
 ‡Total area of Town—Approximately 16.8 sq. mi.
 §Greatest extent north and south Approx. 6 mi.
 ¶Greatest extent east and west Approx. 3.7 mi.

WARRANT

for the

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

1954

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To any Constable of the Town of Weston, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the twenty-second day of March, 1954, at 12 o'clock noon, to act on Article 1 of this warrant; and to meet in said Town Hall on the same date at 8 o'clock p.m. then and there to act upon the remaining articles of this warrant.

The polls for the election of town officers will be opened at 12 o'clock noon and may be closed at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Article 1. To bring in their votes for the following town officers to be voted for on one ballot:

A moderator	For term of
One selectman	One Year
One member of the board of public welfare	Three Years
One assessor	Three Years
One member of the school committee	Three Years
A treasurer and collector	One Year
One library trustee	Three Years
One library trustee (to fill vacancy)	Two Years
One trustee of the Merriam Fund	Three Years
One park commissioner	Three Years
One cemetery commissioner	Three Years
One member of the board of health	Three Years
One commissioner of trust funds	Three Years
One water commissioner	Three Years
One member of the planning board	Five Years
One member of the planning board (to fill vacancy)	Three Years
Two members of the recreation commission	Three Years
A tree warden	One Year
Three measurers of lumber	One Year

Article 2. To hear and act upon reports of town officers and committees.

Article 3. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the costs of government and other town charges for the current year; and to fix the salaries and compensation of elected officers of the Town for the current year.

Article 4. To authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, and to issue and renew or refund a note or notes therefor.

Article 5. To transfer money from the overlay reserve fund to the reserve fund.

Article 6. To appropriate money from available funds for the purpose of deduction by the assessors in determining the annual assessment of taxes in the current year.

Article 7. To appropriate for the support of the Public Library the dog license refund received in the current year.

Article 8. To appropriate money from available funds in anticipation of state and county reimbursement for chapter 90 highway maintenance and construction.

Article 9. To appropriate money, to be provided by borrowing and/or from other sources, for laying or relaying water mains, and to authorize the issuing of bonds or notes.

Article 10. To accept a layout of Brook Road as a public town way made by and described in an order of the selectmen adopted March 13, 1954, on file in the office of the town clerk.

Article 11. To accept an alteration of Lantern Lane made by and described in an order of the selectmen adopted March 13, 1954, on file in the office of the town clerk.

Article 12. To take action respecting investigation of the matter of a union health department and the matter of a regional health district.

Article 13. To establish a special committee to investigate the matter of fluoridation of the Town's public water supply.

Article 14. To appropriate money for the 1955 State census.

Article 15. To appropriate money to pay a bill of a previous year incurred to Day Trust Company for services in connection with the issuance and marketing of town bonds.

Article 16. To authorize the sale and conveyance of the land and buildings of the Town situated on the east side of Golden Ball Road a short distance south of the Boston Post Road and abutting land of Whittemore.

Article 17. To authorize the sale and conveyance of a small parcel of land of the Town situated at the southeast corner of the Boston Post Road By-Pass and Golden Ball Road abutting land of Shaw and shown on the town engineer's plan no. 14-1-H21; and to specify the minimum amount to be paid therefor.

Article 18. To take action respecting investigation of the matter of a town forest.

Article 19. To establish a special committee to study the Town's building by-law or code and to make recommendations as to its amendment or revision, and to appropriate money for the use and purposes of such committee.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, at the Town House, at the Kendal Green railroad station, and on the town bulletin board at the junction of South Avenue and Newton Street and Park Road, seven days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the selectmen at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands March 13, 1954.

WM. R. DEWEY, JR.
J. ROBERT AYERS
CHARLES M. GANSON
Selectmen of the Town of Weston

General Government

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Town of Weston continues its steady, but orderly, growth in its paradoxical position of a rural community in the evergrowing shadow of increasing urban development at its borders.

None of us desires to see any great change in the character of the community, and we are, therefore, quite apt to let our hopes blind us to the obvious progress going on, not only around us, but within the town itself. The area of the town is so large that many new homes can be built, nestled among the trees, hidden in developments off the beaten path, and the aggregate impact is not noticed until the complete financial picture of the town is studied. We would do nothing to prevent such growth in an orderly fashion, since most of us have contributed to that growth by having been attracted to this unspoiled, beautiful, and well-governed town.

But it becomes increasingly expensive to maintain our standards, and while most of us are willing to pay what is necessary to preserve them, we must constantly scrutinize our requirements and our ability to pay in order to anticipate our future and plan for it. Let's see what has happened to Weston in the last five years. A few brief facts will give a clear bird's-eye view.

In that period our population increased 20%.

Our population of school children went up 50%.

The number of homes increased 33 1/3%.

Total real estate valuation jumped 50%.

The total cost of town services rose 60%.

The total cost of education increased 70%.

In spite of costs increasing faster than valuations, the tax rate over the same period increased less than one and one-half percent, or fifty cents per one thousand dollars of valuation. During that period there have been relatively minor fluctuations in the rate, but every attempt has been made to provide stability so that proper planning is possible, not only for the town, but for those who must themselves make their plans in advance to meet their tax obligations.

Turning to the immediate future we must recognize that some increase is inevitable. The Finance Committee, which has worked long and hard in its study of the proposed budget, indicates this in its report.

The greatest increase in our financial burden is the requirement for repayment of bonds and interest thereon, caused in turn by the heavy increase in the need for new school facilities. Indeed, had there not been careful planning in the last few years, a tax rate

increase of about \$10 would be anticipated. This can be readily appreciated when you realize that our school bond obligations have nearly doubled in five years. However, because this need was foreseen, it has been possible to cushion the shock by having available now a substantial surplus of free cash, upon which the town may draw to prevent more than a fairly modest tax rate rise, still leaving our surplus position sufficiently sound for future requirements.

This kind of planning in itself creates its own difficulties. Stability of the town's finances and of its physical characteristics attracts more people. More people make the problem of maintaining such stability more difficult. This is a circle which some would like to see broken by freezing the town at its present level. Such an action would result in stagnation, and it is the opinion of the Board of Selectmen that problems of the foreseeable future can be handled in just as steady a fashion as they have been in the past, so long as the people of the town are united in their objective and remain as alert and fully-informed of the problems in the future as they have been in the past.

Appropriations and Expenditures for 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953 and Appropriations Recommended for 1954

Title of Accounts	1950	1951	1952	1953	Recommendations for 1954 with Balances
General Government					
Selectmen					
Chairman's Salary					
App.	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Exp.	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	—
2nd Member's Salary ..					
App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary ...					
App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
Expenses					
App.	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Exp.	272.49	299.54	219.21	225.30	—
Finance Committee					
App.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Exp.	44.00	45.20	31.00	46.00	—
Town Accountant and Executive Secretary					
Salary					
App.	4,875.00	6,125.00	7,065.00	7,812.50	8,000.00
Exp.	4,875.00	6,125.00	7,062.50	7,812.50	—
Expenses					
App.	360.00	360.00	425.00	360.00	315.00
Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	57.22
Exp.	339.54	325.72	418.18	172.46	—
Out-of-State Travel ..					
App.	—	75.00	—	—	—
Exp.	—	74.61	—	—	—
Treasurer and Collector					
Salary					
App.	3,600.00	4,000.00	4,400.00	4,650.00	4,900.00
Exp.	3,600.00	4,000.00	4,400.00	4,650.00	—
Office Salaries					
App.	—	2,500.00	2,550.00	2,712.00	2,800.00
Exp.	—	1,867.38	2,542.50	2,662.45	—
Expenses					
App.	1,600.00	1,509.00	2,000.00	2,466.00	1,980.00
Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	20.00
Transfers	—	—	—	875.00	—
Exp.	1,599.99	1,492.51	1,698.76	3,091.29	—
Assessors					
Chairman's Salary					
App.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	325.00	100.00
Exp.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	325.00	—
2nd Member's Salary ..					
App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary ..					
App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
Office Salaries					
App.	—	1,321.13	1,315.00	332.00	—
Exp.	—	1,045.79	1,313.65	321.95	—
Expenses					
App.	875.00	375.00	400.00	525.00	425.00
Exp.	734.95	320.58	298.96	436.26	—
Expert Appraisal of Taxable Real Estate					
App.	—	—	10,400.00	—	1,000.00
Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	4,731.00	—
Exp.	—	—	5,669.00	4,600.00	—
Town Clerk					
Salary					
App.	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Exp.	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	—
Expenses					
App.	350.00	350.00	250.00	250.00	235.00
Exp.	216.30	136.29	228.90	153.51	—
Clerk of Committees					
App.	7,785.00	8,303.37	8,250.00	11,168.00	11,690.00
Transfers	—	—	568.00	—	—
Exp.	7,782.60	6,926.50	8,521.20	10,955.98	—

Title of Accounts		1950	1951	1952	1953	Recom- mendations for 1954 with Balances
General Government—Cont.						
Town Engineer						
Salary	App.	—	3,750.00	5,000.00	5,187.50	5,250.00
	Exp.	—	1,666.67	5,000.00	5,187.50	—
Expenses	App.	—	500.00	250.00	309.00	300.00
	Exp.	—	386.79	229.14	208.45	—
Law	App.	2,500.00	11,200.00	5,112.50	2,875.00	2,900.00
	Transfers	1,257.00	—	775.96	1,310.45	—
	Exp.	3,756.96	11,193.24	5,819.91	4,182.12	—
Election and Registration	App.	1,380.00	820.00	2,250.00	948.00	1,320.00
	Exp.	1,339.26	809.34	2,103.96	658.50	—
Planning Board	App.	3,009.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,250.00	500.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,462.18	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	4,462.18	1,427.20	148.85	690.69	—
Town Hall†	App.	10,150.00	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	3,245.36	—	—	—	—
	Transfers	200.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	13,586.92	—	—	—	—
Town Hall						
Salaries	App.	—	3,160.00	5,411.00	6,211.00	6,612.00
	Exp.	—	3,043.66	3,619.16	6,125.30	—
Expenses	App.	—	5,260.00	5,690.00	5,970.00	6,025.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	10.00
	Transfers	—	80.80	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	5,340.80	5,542.91	5,774.69	—
Maintenance & Repairs†	App.	—	4,000.00	4,000.00	—	2,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	8.44	1,217.16	3,300.62	2,253.36
	Exp.	—	2,791.28	1,916.54	1,047.26	—
Equipment†	App.	—	6,200.00	1,775.00	670.00	1,100.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	6,200.00	388.01	391.19
	Exp.	—	—	7,586.99	666.82	—
Former Jones Property ..	App.	—	—	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00
	Receipts	—	500.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	139.39	2,205.50	3,074.50	—
Jones Tavern—						
Capital Improvement†	Receipts	—	—	13,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	3,236.17	157.82
	Exp.	—	—	9,763.83	3,078.35	—
Committee to report on Standing Votes and By- laws†	Bal. Jan. 1	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Committee to Study Town Forest	App.	—	—	—	500.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	500.00
Total General Govt.	App.	38,575.00	63,899.50	73,643.50	59,612.00	61,552.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	5,207.54	508.44	7,917.16	12,155.80	3,889.59
	Receipts	—	500.00	13,000.00	—	—
	Transfers	1,457.00	80.80	1,343.96	2,185.45	—
	Exp.	44,360.19	51,207.49	78,090.65	66,896.88	—

Title of Accounts		1950	1951	1952	1953	Recommendations for 1954 with Balances
Protection of Persons and Property						
Police Dept.						
Salaries	App.	24,550.00	28,200.00	34,400.00		
	Exp.	23,690.96	27,242.67	32,445.23	35,807.00	36,092.00
Other Expenses	App.	3,800.00	3,705.00	4,000.00	33,013.15	—
	Exp.	3,384.51	3,476.91	3,960.64	4,000.00	4,475.00
Equipment and Ap- paratus†	App.	2,500.00	2,750.00	2,875.00	3,547.74	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	38.49	65.50	2,799.00	—	150.00
	Exp.	2,472.99	16.50	—	5,674.00	2,886.34
Land for Station†	Bal. Jan. 1	2,000.00	—	—	2,787.66	—
	Bal. Transferred by Vote of Town	2,000.00	—	—	—	—
Fire Dept.						
Salaries	App.	22,775.00	24,192.90	29,350.00	31,773.00	32,987.00
	Transfers	—	1,450.00	—	1,391.92	—
	Exp.	22,516.90	25,281.25	29,104.17	33,164.92	—
Other Expenses	App.	4,875.00	4,200.00	3,345.00	5,550.00	5,400.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	8.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	4,875.00	4,175.16	3,315.13	5,495.35	—
Equipment and Ap- paratus†	App.	2,275.00	2,350.00	5,558.00	2,009.00	1,522.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	541.62	1,734.30	973.27	1,548.82	1,578.06
	Transfers	—	—	—	3,100.00	—
	Exp.	1,072.32	3,111.03	4,982.45	5,070.76	—
Hydrant Service	App.	7,000.00	7,250.00	7,280.00	8,060.00	8,540.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	690.00
	Exp.	6,500.00	7,239.58	7,280.00	7,342.49	—
Civil Defense Expenses† ..	App.	100.00	1,250.00	1,400.00	1,600.00	1,105.84
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	497.73	94.23	494.16
	Exp.	64.96	752.27	1,803.50	1,200.07	—
Sealer of Weights and and Measures	App.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	6.00	13.75	—	—	—
Moth Extermination	App.	3,090.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
	Exp.	2,997.67	3,495.20	3,470.19	3,723.00	—
Dutch Elm Disease Control	App.	—	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,500.00
	Exp.	—	1,000.00	985.80	1,245.20	—
Tree Warden	App.	5,800.00	5,800.00	5,800.00	6,300.00	6,300.00
	Transfers	325.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	6,094.25	5,790.87	5,795.75	6,299.88	—
Building Inspector	App.	390.00	425.00	400.00	490.00	500.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	.02	—
	Exp.	348.75	347.40	381.25	490.02	—
Total Protection of Per- sons and Property						
	App.	77,090.00	84,647.90	98,933.00	100,605.00	102,346.84
	Bal. Jan. 1	2,580.11	1,799.80	4,270.00	7,317.05	5,656.56
	Transfers	325.00	1,450.00	—	4,491.94	—
	Exp.	76,034.31	81,942.59	93,524.11	103,380.24	—

Title of Accounts		1950	1951	1952	1953	Recom- mendations for 1954 with Balances
Health and Sanitation						
Board of Health						
Chairman's Salary	App.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	—
Secretary's Salary	App.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	—
3rd Member's Salary	App.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Exp.	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	—
Expenses	App.	2,300.00	2,625.00	3,175.00	3,250.00	3,000.00
	Exp.	2,153.32	2,326.39	2,476.17	2,919.56	—
Cooperating Boards of Health						
	App.	2,300.00	2,500.00	2,542.50	2,540.00	2,641.00
	Transfers	200.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	2,483.99	2,093.23	2,280.87	2,455.77	—
Inspection of Plumbing ..						
	App.	1,200.00	1,500.00	1,800.00	1,500.00	1,250.00
	Transfers	347.49	300.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,547.49	1,740.57	1,211.36	1,220.22	—
Mosquito Control						
East Middlesex Project ...						
	App.	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
	Exp.	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,500.00	—
Total for Health and Sanitation						
	App.	10,900.00	11,725.00	12,617.50	13,890.00	13,491.00
	Transfers	547.49	300.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	11,284.80	11,260.19	11,068.40	13,195.55	—

Title of Accounts		1950	1951	1952	1953	Recom- mendations for 1954 with Balances
Highways and Bridges						
Salaries	App.	31,750.00	35,350.00	40,880.00	42,235.00	43,500.00
	Exp.	30,433.38	34,472.72	38,358.63	39,863.29	—
Expenses ..	App.	26,000.00	26,350.00	28,975.00	29,280.00	28,000.00
	Transfers	—	965.01	—	—	—
	Exp.	25,958.53	27,315.01	28,964.81	28,956.62	—
Chap. 90, Maintenance	App.	1,090.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
	Receipts	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	—
	Exp.	2,999.82	4,499.80	4,499.94	4,499.50	—
Chapter 90, Construction†	App.	—	—	—	500.00	2,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	14,357.39	4,443.28	—	—	—
	Receipts	—	—	—	1,500.00	—
	Exp.	9,914.11	—	—	1,999.19	—
Bal. transferred by vote of the Town						
		—	4,443.28	—	—	—
Highway Equipment†....	App.	4,800.00	5,500.00	14,000.00	2,300.00	15,000.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	642.62	1.48	43.50	1,084.28	1,037.85
	Exp.	5,441.14	5,457.98	12,959.22	2,346.43	—
Highway Land Takings† ..	App.	1,450.00	—	7,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	3,550.00	5,000.00	3,145.00	345.00	—
	Exp.	—	1,855.00	9,800.00	345.00	—
Drainage†	App.	—	—	—	—	10,000.00
Street Lighting	App.	11,300.00	12,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	12,600.00
	Exp.	11,299.78	10,916.34	12,095.73	12,483.06	—
Public Dump	App.	2,100.00	1,000.00	2,400.00	2,500.00	500.00
	Exp.	1,412.58	985.25	2,377.10	2,220.67	—
Purchase of Land for Garage†	App.	3,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	5,000.00	5,000.00	—	—
	Receipts	2,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	—	5,000.00	—	—
Municipal Garage — Construction†	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	40,000.00	43,187.14	140.43
	Receipts	—	40,000.00	5,080.14	—	—
	Exp.	—	—	1,893.00	43,046.71	—
Total for Highways						
	App.	81,400.00	81,700.00	107,755.00	91,315.00	113,100.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	18,550.01	14,444.76	48,188.50	44,616.42	1,178.28
	Receipts	4,000.00	43,000.00	8,080.14	4,500.00	—
	Transfers	—	965.01	—	—	—
	Exp.	87,459.34	89,945.38	115,948.43	135,760.47	—

Title of Accounts		1950	1951	1952	1953	Recom- mendations for 1954 with Balances
Public Welfare						
Board of Public Welfare..						
Chairman's Salary	App.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	—
2nd Member's Salary ...	App.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	—
3rd Member's Salary ...	App.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	—
Administration						
Salaries	App.	1,790.00	925.00	1,453.00	1,900.00	1,875.00
	Transfers	—	175.00	50.57	—	—
	Exp.	1,037.25	1,100.00	1,503.57	1,873.60	—
Expenses	App.	660.00	675.00	600.00	550.00	600.00
	Exp.	290.94	398.00	376.03	452.46	—
General Relief	App.	6,500.00	6,250.00	4,000.00	—	—
	Transfers	—	2,245.79	—	—	—
	Exp.	5,223.56	8,473.55	3,467.93	—	—
Disability Assistance ...	App.	—	—	3,128.00	—	—
	Exp.	—	—	2,757.74	—	—
Old Age Assistance	App.	17,850.00	18,700.00	13,931.00	—	—
	Transfers	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	16,693.16	14,012.97	13,184.60	—	—
Aid to Dependent Chil- dren	App.	200.00	275.00	1,518.00	—	—
	Exp.	—	158.80	1,110.25	—	—
Aid Expense*	App.	—	—	—	26,200.00	22,750.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	276.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	18,139.72	—
Total for Public Welfare ..	App.	27,150.00	26,975.00	24,780.00	28,800.00	25,375.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	276.00
	Transfers	1,000.00	2,420.79	50.57	—	—
	Exp.	23,394.91	24,293.32	22,550.12	20,615.78	—
Soldiers' Benefits						
	App.	500.00	200.00	800.00	800.00	500.00
	Transfers	102.50	146.75	—	—	—
	Exp.	602.50	346.75	704.75	543.30	—

*The Board of Public Welfare has asked that effective in 1953 appropriations for the various categories of public assistance be lumped into a single appropriation known as Aid Expense. The following break-down is given to show the estimated expenditures for each category in 1954:

General Relief	\$ 3,500.00
Disability Assistance	586.00
Old Age Assistance	15,844.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,820.00
Total	22,750.00

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Schools						
Salaries	App.	187,847.00	218,605.00	249,832.00	271,570.00	307,034.00
	Exp.	186,127.67	215,927.84	245,080.76	271,429.82	—
Inspection of School						
Children	App.	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
	Exp.	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	—
School Nurse	App.	1,942.00	1,984.00	2,190.00	2,310.00	2,455.00
	Exp.	1,941.68	1,983.28	2,139.96	2,267.36	—
Utilities and Fuel	App.	—	16,600.00	19,950.00	21,350.00	23,600.00
	Transfers	—	1,097.57	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	17,342.14	19,266.57	17,748.79	—
Maintenance, Repair, and Other Expenses	App.	42,005.00	*36,433.00	47,555.00	45,977.00	52,603.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	2,312.68
	Transfers	1,600.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	43,600.91	36,386.36	47,098.03	40,938.97	—
Transportation	App.	20,000.00	22,500.00	26,900.00	34,900.00	33,900.00
	Exp.	18,594.23	20,646.47	25,764.58	31,111.04	—
Athletic Field Equipment and Maintenance	App.	1,100.00	1,500.00	1,150.00	825.00	750.00
	Exp.	1,098.55	1,470.71	1,045.43	522.69	—
Vocational Education	App.	1,800.00	1,200.00	890.00	800.00	400.00
	Exp.	640.21	402.68	247.46	373.75	—
Out of State Travel	App.	400.00	500.00	400.00	600.00	972.00
	Exp.	398.88	440.25	324.60	388.37	—
Association Membership						
Dues	App.	90.00	175.00	135.00	146.00	165.00
	Exp.	88.50	123.40	128.80	140.40	—
School Plant Study†	App.	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	1,000.00	399.08	—	—
	Exp.	—	600.92	399.08	—	—
School Buildings—Re- modeling, Reconstruction and Repairs†	App.	—	15,000.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	15,000.00	—	—	—
School Buildings—Plans, Engineering and Expert Services† ..	App.	—	4,000.00	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	3,886.46	3,248.92	3,248.92
	Exp.	—	113.54	637.54	—	—
Lunchroom Salaries	App.	5,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	2,918.60	—	—	—	—
Lunchroom Expenses	App.	13,250.00	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	7,982.59	—	—	—	—
School Athletic Fund	App.	—	200.00	300.00	300.00	—
	Exp.	—	200.00	300.00	300.00	—
Total Schools	App.	275,334.00	319,597.00	350,112.00	379,678.00	422,779.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	1,000.00	4,285.54	3,248.92	5,561.60
	Transfers	1,600.00	1,097.57	—	—	—
	Exp.	264,291.82	311,537.59	343,332.81	366,121.19	—

*Beginning in 1951 amounts for Utilities (Power and Light, Gas, and Telephone) and Fuel are appropriated separately

Title of Accounts	1950	1951	1952	1953	Recommendations for 1954 with Balances
School Restoration					
Committee†	App.	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	8,858.53	1,017.03	188.68	—
	Receipts	—	—	—	—
	Transfers	1,200.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	9,041.50	828.35	160.00	—
Elementary School					
Building Committee† ..	App.	—	—	41,164.32	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	28,074.94	—
	Receipts	—	38,000.00	18,835.68	—
	Exp.	—	9,925.06	88,074.94	—
Outlays to be Financed by Bond Issue—					
School Building Com- mittee	App.	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	178,684.62	25,520.64	18,835.68	—
	Transfers	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	153,163.98	6,684.96	—	—
	Bal. transferred by Vote of Town ..	—	—	18,835.68	—
School Buildings—Remo- deling, Reconstruction and Repairs	App.	—	120,000.00	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	58,931.66	2,120.54	371.71
	Exp.	—	56,811.12	1,748.83	—
Elementary School					
Building Committee ..	App.	—	—	1,030,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	958,185.31
	Exp.	—	—	71,814.69	—
Total from Loans	App.	—	120,000.00	1,030,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	178,684.62	25,520.64	77,767.34	20,956.22
	Transfers	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	153,163.98	67,753.30	56,811.12	—
	Exp.	153,163.98	67,753.30	56,811.12	—

Title of Accounts		1950	1951	1952	1953	Recommendations for 1954 with Balances
Libraries						
Salaries	App.	11,160.00	12,280.00	13,807.00	15,500.00	16,460.00
	Exp.	10,945.70	11,828.45	13,722.30	15,381.10	—
Other Expenses	App.	1,650.05	1,793.85	1,950.97	1,767.53	1,857.74
	Receipts	1,249.95	1,306.15	1,349.03	1,432.47	—
	Exp.	2,883.77	3,072.53	3,126.94	3,189.82	—
Books & Periodicals	App.	2,300.00	2,500.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	2,299.93	2,499.44	—	—	—
Books, Periodicals & Records	App.	—	—	3,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
	Exp.	—	—	2,970.16	3,499.53	—
Maintenance & Repair ...	App.	1,550.00	850.00	750.00	750.00	500.00
	Transfers	—	—	130.02	—	—
	Exp.	1,522.27	850.00	880.02	549.67	—
Equipment	App.	200.00	400.00	750.00	350.00	250.00
	Exp.	179.00	399.25	749.55	349.54	—
Out-of-State Travel	App.	125.00	125.00	125.00	—	—
	Exp.	120.30	125.00	68.06	—	—
Heating Plant†	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	4,000.00	—
	Receipts	—	—	4,000.00	3,803.50	—
Total for Libraries	App.	16,985.05	17,948.85	20,382.97	21,867.53	22,567.74
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	4,000.00	—
	Receipts	1,249.95	1,306.15	5,349.03	1,432.47	—
	Transfers	—	—	130.02	—	—
	Exp.	17,950.97	18,774.67	21,517.03	26,773.16	—
Recreation						
Recreation Commission ..	App.	5,346.00	6,470.00	15,500.00	11,722.50	11,500.00
	Transfers	—	429.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	5,345.10	6,824.99	14,736.84	10,499.20	—
Swimming-Skating Project	App.	11,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	28,641.30	—	—	—
	Receipts	17,641.30	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	—	28,586.74	—	—	—
Park Department	App.	1,325.00	1,200.00	1,420.00	1,470.00	1,485.00
	Exp.	1,315.70	1,198.22	1,341.79	1,204.48	—
Total for Recreation	App.	17,671.00	7,670.00	16,920.00	13,192.50	12,985.00
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	28,641.30	—	—	—
	Receipts	17,641.30	—	—	—	—
	Transfers	—	429.00	—	—	—
	Exp.	6,660.80	36,609.95	16,078.63	11,703.68	—

Title of Accounts		1950	1951	1952	1953	Recom- mendations for 1954 with Balances
Unclassified						
Memorial Day	App.	390.00	275.00	300.00	300.00	325.00
	Exp.	272.76	275.00	296.45	300.00	—
Town Reports	App.	2,390.00	2,000.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	1,600.00
	Exp.	2,249.00	1,997.86	1,522.50	2,100.00	—
Insurance, Fire and Boiler	App.	3,000.00	4,710.00	3,100.00	2,005.00	7,725.00
	Exp.	2,452.09	3,111.00	2,905.37	1,807.95	—
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	App.	1,600.00	1,800.00	2,525.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
	Transfers	220.42	—	69.84	—	—
Insurance, Motor Vehicles	Exp.	1,820.42	1,754.28	2,594.84	3,736.65	—
	App.	1,990.00	1,900.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,210.00
	Transfers	—	—	258.91	—	—
	Exp.	1,819.03	1,148.23	2,258.91	1,830.73	—
Insurance, All Other	App.	75.00	125.00	575.00	175.00	100.00
	Transfers	—	—	85.80	—	—
	Exp.	38.12	25.27	660.80	87.47	—
Town Owned Houses	App.	750.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	600.00
	Exp.	230.45	125.61	170.31	165.50	—
Tax Possessions						
Maintenance†	Bal. Jan.1	376.02	376.02	376.02	376.02	376.02
Contributory Retirement						
Fund, Administrative	App.	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
	Exp.	10.00	—	10.00	—	—
Contributory Retirement						
Fund	App.	6,280.00	5,540.06	6,313.34	7,895.28	8,178.32
	Exp.	6,280.00	5,540.06	6,313.34	7,895.28	—

Title of Accounts		1950	1951	1952	1953	Recommendations for 1954 with Balances
Unclassified (Con't.)						
Memorial Plaque	App.	—	—	—	—	—
Town Hall†	Bal. Jan 1	324.94	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	79.20	—	—	—	—
All Other	App.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,100.00	500.00
	Transfers	—	58.07	—	—	—
	Exp.	555.84	1,058.07	602.49	969.77	—
Town Bulletin	App.	1,200.00	—	1,050.00	1,600.00	1,800.00
	Transfers	—	—	—	54.43	—
	Exp.	1,053.61	—	1,042.43	1,654.43	—
Veterans' Housing Board†	Bal. Jan 1	283.97	239.18	95.89	95.89	—
	Exp.	44.79	143.29	—	—	—
Purchase of land for Public Parking Space	App.	6,500.00	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	6,500.00
	Receipts	—	—	—	1,000.00	—
	Exp.	1,000.00	—	—	—	—
Historical Committee ..	App.	—	—	—	50.00	50.00
	Exp.	—	—	—	7.00	—
Total Unclassified	App.	24,915.00	17,760.06	19,373.34	21,530.28	26,993.32
	Bal. Jan. 1	984.93	6,115.20	5,971.91	5,971.91	6,876.02
	Receipts	—	—	—	1,000.00	—
	Transfers	220.42	58.07	414.55	54.43	—
	Exp.	17,905.31	15,178.67	18,377.44	20,554.78	—
Outlays to be Financed by Bond Issue						
Veterans Housing Board	App.	60,000.00	—	—	—	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	934.16	—	—	—
	Exp.	59,065.84	934.16	—	—	—

Title of Accounts		1950	1951	1952	1953	Recom- mendations for 1954 with Balances
Water Department						
(Except Bond Issues and Interest on Debt)						
Water Comm. Salaries						
Chairman	App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
2nd Member's Salary ...	App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
3rd Member's Salary ...	App.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Exp.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	—
Salaries	App.	12,825.00	13,925.78	15,576.50	15,902.00	16,283.50
	Exp.	12,131.07	12,578.60	12,327.71	15,222.99	—
Expenses	App.	13,830.00	16,902.00	17,352.00	15,692.00	17,242.00
	Exp.	13,819.21	16,136.48	16,722.24	15,566.55	—
Equipment and Apparatus	App.	—	3,000.00	395.00	2,400.00	—
	Exp.	—	2,740.15	379.00	1,989.44	—
Water Supply, Plant and facilities—Study and Investigation†	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	5,000.00	1,931.93
	Receipts	—	—	5,000.00	—	—
	Exp.	—	—	—	3,068.07	—
TOTAL WATER (Except Bond Issue and Interest on Debt)						
	App.	26,955.00	34,127.78	33,623.50	34,294.00	33,825.50
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	5,000.00	1,931.93
	Receipts	—	—	5,000.00	—	—
	Exp.	26,250.28	31,755.23	29,728.95	36,147.05	—
Outlays of Water Dept. Financed by Bond Issues and Post-War Rehabilita- tion Fund						
Water Standpipe and Mains†						
	Bal. Jan. 1	1,183.83	—	—	—	—
	Exp.	1,183.83	—	—	—	—
Blanket Extensions†	App.	25,000.00	—	—	65,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	12,971.82	9,704.15	18,804.23	2,850.16	43,820.65
	Receipts	—	18,410.46	18,203.49	46,000.00	—
	Exp.	23,267.67	9,310.38	34,157.56	70,029.51	—
New Well Construction†	App.	—	—	—	59,090.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	49,408.96
	Exp.	—	—	—	9,591.04	—
Water Mains— Loring Road and Summer Street	App.	—	—	—	43,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	—	—	—	—	43,000.00
Totals from Loans (and in 1946 from Post-War Rehabilitation Fund)						
	App.	25,000.00	—	—	167,000.00	—
	Bal. Jan. 1	14,155.65	9,704.15	18,804.23	2,850.16	136,229.61
	Receipts	—	18,410.46	18,203.49	46,000.00	—
	Exp.	29,451.50	9,310.38	34,157.56	79,620.55	—

Title of Accounts		1950	1951	1952	1953	Recommendations for 1954 with Balances
Cemeteries						
Salaries	App.	7,615.00	8,275.00	9,000.00	10,133.00	9,571.50
	Exp.	7,615.00	8,275.00	9,000.00	10,121.79	—
Expenses	App.	1,225.00	1,225.00	1,125.00	1,125.00	1,610.00
	Exp.	1,219.19	1,225.00	1,125.00	993.56	—
Total Cemeteries	App.	8,840.00	9,500.00	10,125.00	11,258.00	11,181.50
	Exp.	8,834.19	9,500.00	10,125.00	11,115.35	—
Interest on Refunds						
	App.	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	Exp.	—	—	1.59	—	—
Reserve Fund						
Trans. from Overlay Reserve	App.	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,349.37 1,650.63	9,000.00	29,000.00
		—	—		—	—

Note 1. Accounts indicated by † are continuing appropriations, the balance of which shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year. In cases where a balance is carried forward without this designation, the appropriation has been encumbered for the payment of liabilities incurred in the preceding year.

Note 2. The word "Receipts" as used above indicates sources of funds for expenditure which are available and need not be raised by taxation, such as: Surplus and Dog Tax Refund.

The word "Transfers" as used above indicates amounts made available by the Finance Committee from the Reserve Fund for unforeseen and necessary expenditures.

RECAPITULATION

	1950	1951	1952	1953	Recommendations for 1954 With Balances
Totals, except Bond Issues					
Approps. Recommended	—	—	—	—	846,706.90
Appropriations Voted at Annual and Special					
Town Meetings	606,325.05	675,761.09	770,726.44	818,016.63	—
Balances, Jan. 1	36,181.12	53,526.53	70,821.79	110,385.04	25,369.98
Receipts	30,891.25	52,806.15	76,778.54	34,768.15	—
Transfers	6,452.41	6,947.99	1,939.10	6,731.82	—
Total Available	679,849.83	789,041.76	920,265.87	969,901.64	—
Total Expenditures	594,070.92	683,180.18	771,132.97	900,882.37	—
Outlays Financed, or to be Financed, by Bond Issues					
Appropriations	85,000.00	120,000.00	—	1,197,000.00	—
Balance, Jan. 1	192,840.27	36,158.95	96,571.57	23,806.38	1,094,786.63
Receipts	—	18,410.46	18,203.49	46,000.00	—
Transfers	—	—	—	—	—
Total Available	277,840.27	174,569.41	114,775.06	1,266,806.38	—
Outlays	241,681.32	77,997.84	90,968.68	172,019.75	—

OTHER PAYMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Maturing Debt.					
Water Bonds	27,000.00	42,000.00	27,000.00	9,000.00	84,000.00
School Bonds	70,000.00	70,000.00	72,000.00	72,000.00	142,000.00
Veterans Housing Bonds .	—	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Maturing Debt	97,000.00	117,000.00	104,000.00	86,000.00	231,000.00
Interest on Debt					
Water Debt	1,611.25	1,246.25	785.00	1,528.00	2,757.11
School Debt	16,982.50	15,445.00	16,002.50	25,953.00	35,133.50
Veterans Housing Debt	375.00	718.75	656.25	593.75	531.25
Total Interest	18,968.75	17,410.00	17,443.75	28,074.75	38,421.86
State Charges:					
Metropolitan Reserva-					
tions	7,636.15	9,914.83	9,787.53	10,075.47	9,096.65
Boston Arena Authority*	—	—	—	1,041.95	—
Metropolitan Water** ..	—	201.67	101.78	—	—
Auditing Municipal					
Accounts	1,300.20	1,053.62	94.99	1,183.78	1,164.26
Total State Charges	8,936.35	11,170.12	9,984.30	12,331.20	10,260.91
County Charges:					
Middlesex County Tax	24,660.22	29,551.21	29,444.38	30,466.48	31,529.52
Middlesex County					
T.B. Hospital	4,468.91	5,604.49	5,822.64	6,822.00	7,418.29
Total County Charges	29,129.13	35,155.70	35,267.02	37,288.48	38,947.81
Total Other Payments	154,034.23	180,735.82	166,695.07	163,664.43	318,630.58

AGGREGATE EXPENDITURES AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Total Expenditures and Other					
Payments (exclusive of out-					
lays financed by Bond					
Issues)	748,105.15	863,916.00	937,828.04	1,064,546.80	—
Total Outlays Financed by					
Bond Issues (and in 1946					
by transfer from Post-War					
Rehabilitation Fund)	241,681.32	77,997.84	90,968.68	172,019.75	—
Totals	989,786.47	941,913.84	1,028,796.72	1,236,566.55	

*Charge assessable to Weston under provisions of Chapter 669, Acts of 1953 providing for establishment of Boston Arena Authority.

**Charges assessable to Weston under provisions of Chapter 603, Acts of 1950 for use of excess water to reduce pollution of Charles River in dry season of year.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The budget for 1954 recommended to be appropriated under Article 3 is \$846,706.90. This is an increase of approximately 9% over last year's Article 3 appropriations. (For purposes of the present comparison, last year's appropriation of \$41,164 from the tax levy toward the construction of the new elementary school is not taken into account.) The extent to which this increase will be offset by increase in valuations due to new construction must await the determinations of the assessors but it seems unlikely that this increased valuation will be as much as 6%. This means that the cost of operation of the Town departments is going up not merely in total dollars but in terms of each individual's tax bill.

This, moreover, is not the whole picture. As indicated in the accompanying table, "Distribution of Major Expenditures 1951-1953 and Budget Recommendations 1954", an additional amount of \$318,630.58 must be raised for debt retirement, interest on debt and state and county charges. Of this amount \$177,133.50 is debt retirement and interest on school bonds alone which can be roughly translated into nearly \$9.00 of the tax rate.* During 1953 school bond retirement, interest and appropriations from the tax levy for new school construction totaled \$139,117. This increase in the major category of costs attributable to school construction alone represents an increase of almost \$2.00 in the tax rate.

In short, these figures demonstrate that an increase in the tax rate is inescapable. There are too many uncertainties—the valuations on new construction, the receipts, and the amount wisely to be appropriated from available funds—to warrant a prediction as to how much the increase will be. But the taxpayers must expect, as the very minimum, that the sums voted in past years for school construction will be reflected in the tax rate for this year and the years to come.

These hard facts are not set forth by way of criticism. Your Finance Committee was in accord with the overwhelming majority of the voters that the new school buildings were needed. The burden of paying for them, however, makes it all the more imperative that the entire budget be subjected to painstaking scrutiny.

Your Committee recommends the adoption of the budget proposed by the Selectmen. We are satisfied that it shows a thoughtful and conscientious effort to keep the cost of local government as low as is consistent with the maintenance of the desired quality of services. We should point out that at this stage of the Town's rapid growth the demand for additional services tends to outstrip the increase in the tax rolls. This fact, most dramatically apparent in the case of the

*On the assumption that total valuations for 1954 will increase from \$18,000,000 to \$19,000,000, an appropriation of \$19,000 would amount to \$1.00 on the tax rate.

**DISTRIBUTION OF MAJOR EXPENDITURES 1951-1953
AND BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS 1954**

	1951	%	1952	%	1953	%	1954	%
Schools—Operations	\$311,538	36.1	\$343,333	36.6	\$ 366,121	35.0	\$ 422,779	36.3
Construction	—	—	—	—	69,239	6.6	—	—
Debt Retirement and Interest	85,445	9.9	88,003	9.4	97,953	9.4	177,133	15.2
Total Schools	\$396,983	46.0	\$431,336	46.0	\$ 533,313	51.0	\$ 599,912	51.5
Highways and Bridges	89,945	10.4	115,948	12.4	135,760	13.0	113,100	9.7
Protection of Persons and Property	81,943	9.5	93,524	10.0	103,380	9.9	102,347	8.8
General Government	51,207	5.9	78,090	8.3	66,897	6.4	61,552	5.3
All Other Appropriations	148,547	17.2	140,238	14.9	140,649	13.4	146,929	12.6
All Other Interest, Maturing Debt and State and County Charges	95,291	11.0	78,692	8.4	65,711	6.3	141,497	12.1
Total	\$863,916	100.0	\$937,828	100.0	\$1,045,710	100.0	\$1,165,337	100.0

schools with their swelling enrollment, must influence the planning in most of the Town departments.

Capital Planning

Our sub-committee on capital planning has continued its analysis of the foreseeable needs of the Town and in its effort to spread capital outlay in a way not to place too heavy a tax burden on any tax year. A case in point is our recommendation to the Selectmen that the only major capital expenditure this year should be a bulldozer with backhoe attachment, costing \$14,000. This seems to us the most urgent need, and we believe that such other capital items as additional equipment for the Fire Department can be deferred. It should be noted that the purchase of the bulldozer will save from \$1,500 to 2,000 a year in the rental of equipment as well as make possible more efficient use of the manpower of the Highway Department. We have also concluded that a wasteful duplication of equipment can be avoided if the various departments pool their requirements and make their equipment available to each other. The problem is one of cooperative programming of the work so that equipment can be fully utilized without undue expenditure of manpower. The Selectmen agree with us and have undertaken to arrange for such mutual planning.

Wages and Salaries

Once again both Federal and State cost of living indices have remained practically stationary for the year and your Finance Committee believes that a so-called "cost-of-living" general increase for Town employees is not justified. We have approved some increases in individual cases, and we have also approved the recommendation of the School Committee that the starting minimum salaries of teachers be increased so that the Town will be able to continue to attract competent teachers. This policy, made necessary by the competition in the teacher market, has led to moderate upward adjustments in other teacher salaries. In taking this action the School Committee correctly points out that the teachers were not included in last year's general raise which was similarly dictated by competitive conditions in the labor market.

Your Committee has not been satisfied that the wages for Town employees are in all cases in proper relationship to each other and to comparable positions in other towns. We considered the advisability of procuring outside assistance for a careful job evaluation project but decided instead to undertake this project for ourselves. In this connection we also thought it desirable to set up a job structure capable of expanding as added personnel becomes necessary.

This major effort is not yet completed. We have, however, suggested to the Selectmen certain changes which our studies to date show are called for. First, we recommend that in the Fire and Police Departments there should be intermediate grades between the chief and

the patrolmen or privates. The added responsibilities of supervision already necessary in fact should be recognized by additional compensation. In addition, we are laying the foundation for an efficient organization for the future when both departments will have to be increased in size.

Secondly, we have recommended certain variations in the salaries of department heads to bring them more nearly in line with comparable positions elsewhere and with what we believe to be the relative responsibilities of their respective positions. The Selectmen have concurred in these recommendations and requested us to continue with our evaluation project.

Schools

The recommended appropriation for the operation of the school system is \$422,779, which is about 11% more than last year. In part this increase is due to the cost of operating the new elementary school for the last three months of the year, but it is mainly attributable to an anticipated increase in enrollment of 12%. We have made an item-by-item examination of the budget with the School Committee and the Superintendent. We regard it as their function and not ours to determine what the educational policies and standards should be. Given those policies and standards, we are satisfied that the present budget cannot be reduced to any significant extent.

Water Department

The Finance Committee recommends an appropriation of \$21,000 to supplement the \$43,000 appropriated in 1953 for construction of water mains in Loring Road and Summer Street to provide an adequate distribution system for the new well supply located during 1953 and being developed currently. This additional sum will be raised by borrowing. Final revised cost estimates of the Water Board's consulting engineers indicate the need for these added funds to complete the project as planned.

The new well now in development will increase the water system capacity by approximately 650,000 gallons per day. An additional source of supply for the future is available by expanding the pumping capacity of the existing Nickerson Field well. The Finance Committee recommended and the Board of Water Commissioners acquiesced that appropriation of additional funds for increasing the pumping capacity of the Nickerson Field well should be deferred until a later date.

Mosquito Control

Last year the budget for mosquito control was increased to \$6,500 upon the understanding that more money would be devoted to permanent improvements and less to spraying. This was with a view to the eventual meeting of the mosquito menace at its source and an eventual saving of money. The amount of spraying was accordingly reduced, although somewhat more was done than expected. The in-

crease in ditching was less than planned because of the difficulty that the Eastern Middlesex Mosquito Control Board encountered in getting labor at the right time. (About \$2,300.00 was expended for new ditching.) We do not recommend any increase in this appropriation, but we think that the altered program set up last year should be continued for another year on the same basis.

Reserve Fund

As of December 31, 1953 the balance in the Overlay Surplus was \$29,340.29. This represents the unrequired balance of amounts raised by the Board of Assessors in prior years to cover real estate, personal property and poll tax abatements. Under the municipal finance laws the sole disposition which may be made of this balance is to transfer it to the Reserve Fund which in turn may be transferred by order of the Finance Committee to any appropriation for the purpose of meeting extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures.

The Reserve Fund last year was \$9,000, of which only \$6,731.82 was spent on authorization of the Finance Committee. Because the unusually large balance in the Overlay Surplus can be made available to reduce the tax burden only by funneling it through the Reserve Fund, the Selectmen and the Finance Committee recommend that \$29,000 be transferred by vote of the Town to the Reserve Fund for 1954. With this cushion to count upon, the Selectmen and the Finance Committee have stricken from the appropriation requests for the various departments all amounts which can fairly be called contingent or doubtful. We shall, of course, insist as usual upon good reasons to support any transfer from the Reserve Fund, but we can reasonably expect more requests than we would receive under ordinary conditions. It is well to note, for comparative purposes, that the recommended budget would be larger and the tax rate higher if this policy had not been adopted.

If, as is probable, a substantial portion of the Reserve Fund is not required during 1954 it will revert to the Overlay Surplus and be available for appropriation in 1955.

It should be explained that the abnormally large balance in the Overlay Surplus is due to the fact that the Assessors felt they were traveling on unfamiliar ground because of the revaluation program and wished to be prepared in case there were many more abatements than usual. In fact only four cases have gone to the Appellate Tax Board as a result of the revaluation. While this is a striking manifestation of the general acceptance of the once controversial revaluation project, it does leave a substantial sum of money unavailable for use except through the Reserve Fund.

Following last year's town meeting, the Moderator reappointed Charles G. Squibb, Paul D. Bartlett and Edward R. Langenbach to the Committee. The Committee re-elected Richard H. Field as Chairman.

SALARY COSTS AND SCHOOL MEMBERSHIPS

	1940	1945	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Administrative Salaries								
Superintendent	\$ 4,040	\$ 4,420	\$ 7,083	\$ 7,291	\$ 9,406	\$ 7,812	\$ 8,375	\$ 9,250
High School Principal	—	1,267	5,267	5,450	5,850	6,392	7,811	7,131†
Elementary School Principal	2,020	2,530	4,333	4,700	5,200	5,795	7,324	6,761†
Elementary School Supervisor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,000
Secretarial	1,023	1,670	5,034	5,406	6,235	7,607	9,823	12,759
Total Administration	\$ 7,083	\$ 9,824	\$ 21,717	\$ 22,847	\$ 26,691	\$ 27,606	\$ 33,333	\$ 38,901
High School Teachers' Salaries	\$31,440	\$38,220	\$ 69,565	\$ 73,678	\$ 84,241	\$ 96,394	\$105,638	\$117,330
Average Membership 7-12*	285	282	275	286	316	352	370	403**
Number of Teachers	17	16	19	21	21	23	23½	23¾
Pupils per Teacher	17	18	14	14	15	15	16	17
Elementary Teachers' Salaries	\$21,348	\$28,818	\$ 64,025	\$ 73,134	\$ 87,899	\$ 99,996	\$110,728	\$127,240
Average Membership K-6*	348	353	464	510	558	659	731	791**
Number of Teachers	14	16	20	21	25	26	29	33
Pupils per Teacher	25	22	23	24	22	25	25	24
Janitors' Salaries	\$ 4,002	\$ 5,351	\$ 11,144	\$ 14,906	\$ 17,097	\$ 20,380	\$ 21,731	\$ 23,563
Average Membership Total*	633	635	739	796	874	1011	1101	1194**
TOTAL SALARIES	\$64,192	\$82,213	\$166,451	\$184,565	\$215,928	\$244,876	\$271,430	\$307,034

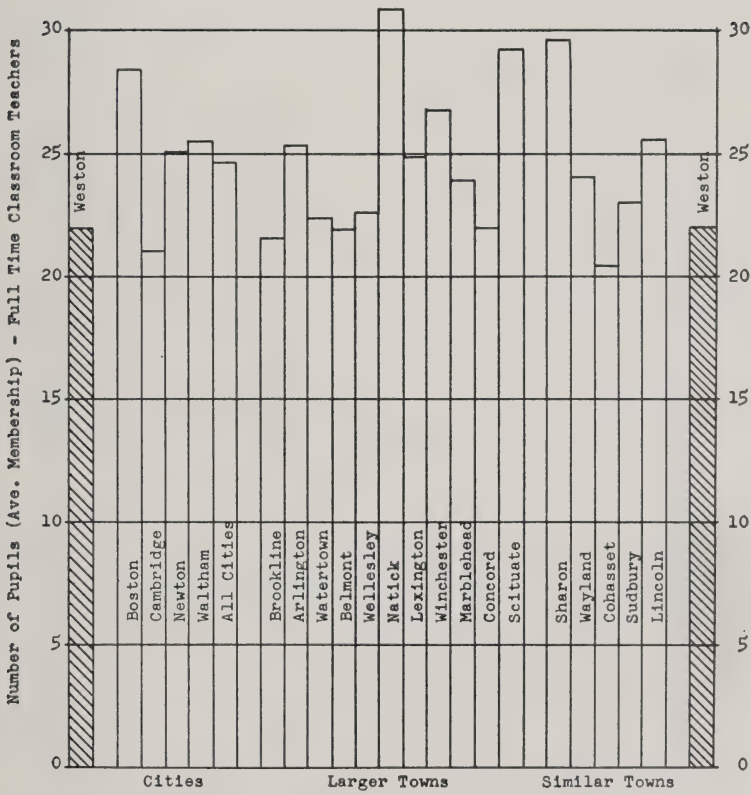
Financial figures are for the calendar year 1940, etc.

*Average membership figures are for the school year 1939-40, etc.

**Membership as of October 1, 1953

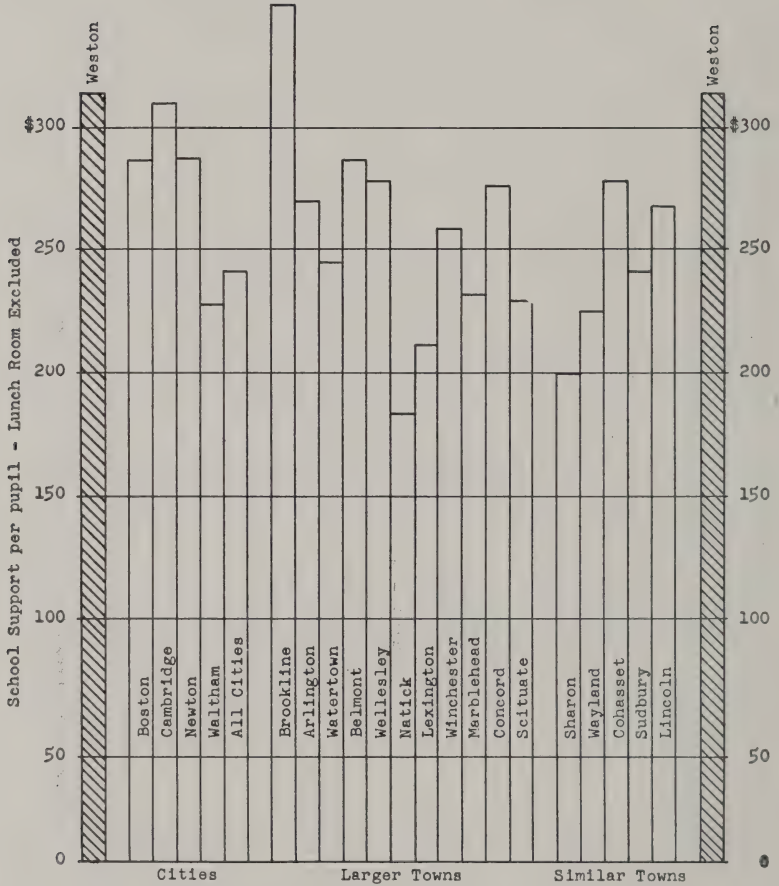
†The annual salary rates of the principals have not been decreased. An extra appropriation was necessary in 1953 to pay two months' withheld salary when their work year was changed from ten to twelve months.

Pupil-Teacher Ratios School Year 1952-53



Source: Mass. Teachers' Association L4 - I, II, III, IV

Cost of Day Schools - School Year 1952-53



Source: Mass. Teachers' Association L4 - I, II, III, IV

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

1953

Reconciliation of Cash as of December 31, 1953

A—B

Check Book balances:

The Second Nat'l Bank of Boston	308,318.07	
Day Trust Co.	200,000.00	
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	100,000.00	
Newton-Waltham Bank & Trust Co.		
Weston Office	52,094.91	
Merriam Fund	609.58	
Account #2, V.H.M.	913.92	
Dec. receipts deposited in Jan.	58,555.48	720,491.96
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Savings Banks:

East Cambridge Savings Bank	9,563.52	
Waltham Savings Bank	5,097.87	
Consolidated Trust Funds Inc.		
Salem Five Cents Savings	2,258.00	
East Cambridge Savings	1,835.84	4,093.84
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V.H.M. (Veterans' Housing Management)

Natick Five Cents Savings	5,000.00		
Marlborough Savings Bk.	4,000.00	9,000.00	27,755.23
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Treasury Bills	700,159.88
Cash on hand in Town Hall vault	70.00
Cash on hand in Treasurer's safe	20.00
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A. Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1954, per Treasurer's account 1,448,497.07

Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1953	365,376.77	
Cash Receipts	2,562,139.81	2,927,516.58
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Total disbursements		1,479,019.51
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B. Cash balance, per General Ledger 1,448,497.07

Analysis of Receipts for year ending December 31, 1953

Taxes:

Polls, Personal, Real Estate			
Levy of 1952	8,751.53		
Levy of 1953	692,113.23	700,864.76	
Motor Vehicle Excises			
Levy of 1952	6,382.47		
Levy of 1953	73,049.53	79,432.00	780,296.76

In Lieu of Taxes:

City of Cambridge, Water Works	195.00		
Metr. Dist. Comm., Water Division			
Ash Street Reservoir	971.15		
Norumbega Reservoir	2,428.78		3,594.93

State and County:

State: Income Tax	52,915.92		
Corporation Tax	43,011.50		
Meal Tax	534.75		
Co-op. Ploughing	149.50		
Vocational Training	177.65		
School Lunch Program	4,432.49		
Chap. 90 re-imbursement	1,499.83		
Veterans' Services	282.39		
Dep't of Education, for transportation	24,415.74		
School Cons. Grant, Chap. 645, Acts of 1948	9,683.48		
Housing Board, Chap. 372, Acts of 1946	1,229.37		
Adjustment for 1949 on account of Metr. Parks Assessment	3.34	138,335.96	
County: Dog licenses	1,432.47		
Chap. 90 re-imbursement	1,499.83	2,932.30	141,268.26

Charities:

Old Age Assistance			
Comm. of Mass.	10,662.98		
Federal Grant	10,041.96	20,704.94	

Amounts carried forward		20,704.94	925,159.95
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Amounts brought forward		20,704.94	925,159.95
Aid to Dependent Children			
Comm. of Mass.	619.73		
Federal Grant	1,244.80	1,864.53	
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Disability Assistance			
Comm. of Mass.	319.90		
Federal Grant	939.68	1,259.58	23,829.05
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Water Department:			
Rates: 1953		56,805.64	
Misc.: 1950	100.00		
1952	4,046.27		
1953	68,480.04	72,626.31	
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Fines		57.25	129,489.20
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Licenses, Permits and Fees:			
Board of Health:			
Licenses	50.50		
Plumbing fees	330.00		
Septic tank and cesspool permits	94.00	474.50	
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Town Clerk:			
Dog license fees	164.65		
Hunting and Fishing license fees	77.50		
Marriage intentions	102.00		
Recording fees	259.00	603.15	
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Building Inspector:			
Wire Permits	487.50		
Building Permits	475.50	963.00	
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Sealer of Weights and Measures		36.70	
Selectmen:			
Pistol permits	32.00		
Taxi permits	3.00		
Licenses	36.00	71.00	
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Amounts carried forward		2,148.35	1,078,478.20

Amounts brought forward	2,148.35	1,078,478.20
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Planning Board:

Hearing fees	70.00	
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Board of Appeals

Hearing fees	40.00	
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Fines:

District Court	20.00	2,278.35
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Departments:

Selectmen:

Rental of Town Property

Jones House	42.50	
Town Hall	1,238.00	
Houses	1,620.00	2,900.50

Use of Addressograph	48.00	
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Misc.	10.00	
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Petty cash, Town Hall office	50.00	3,008.50
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Treasurer and Collector:

Tax Costs	252.00	
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Tax Certificates	350.00	
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Re-imbursement for postage from

Bd. of Public Welfare	33.66	635.66
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Town Clerk:

Certified copies of births, marriages, and deaths	73.00	
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Copies of Discharge from Army	2.00	
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Identification cards	4.25	
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Replacement of dog-tags	4.30	
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Blasting Bonds	3.00	
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Sale of Maps	82.25	
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Sale of Town Reports	7.50	
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Sale of "History of the Town of Weston"	20.00	
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Sale of Poll Lists	40.00	
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Sale of Valuation Lists	2.50	
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Examining records	1.00	239.80
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Amounts carried forward	3,883.96	1,080,756.55
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Amounts brought forward		3,883.96	1,080,756.55
Fire:			
Telephone tolls		2.00	
Board of Health:			
Dental Collections	318.05		
Dog Clinic	110.00	428.05	
Police:			
Sale of generator	10.00		
Sale of 1950 Mercury	665.00		
Insurance	215.00	890.00	
Highway:			
Sale of Tractor	15.00		
Insurance	26.65	41.65	
Board of Public Welfare:			
Re-imbursement from Cities and Towns	368.60		
Petty cash	25.00	393.60	
School:			
Tuition	11,126.42		
Lunchroom	17,962.45		
Lunchroom, petty cash	10.00		
Athletic fund	2,687.35		
Athletic fund, petty cash	10.00		
Rent	204.00		
Insurance	95.82		
Sup't, petty cash	25.00		
Telephone tolls	44.27		
Sale of Saw	25.00		
Misc.	378.24	32,568.55	
Library:			
Fines	1,002.56		
Books	87.30		
Misc.	35.02		
Petty cash	10.00	1,134.88	
Amounts carried forward		39,342.69	1,080,756.55

Amounts brought forward		39,342.69	1,080,756.55
Recreation Commission:			
Receipts from Swimming Pool	1,934.75		
Receipts from Shop Crafts	114.71		
Receipts from Playground Crafts	39.88		
Receipts from Adult Shop	80.00	2,169.34	
Cemetery:			
Sale of Lots	535.00		
Care of Lots	169.50		
Interments	1,665.00		
Grave Liners	504.00		
Foundations	340.00		
Rental of Digger	1,093.00		
Misc.	54.50	4,361.00	
Planning Board:			
Sale of Maps		37.00	
Special School Building Committee:			
Deposits for plans and specifications		450.00	
Town Reporter			
Sale of copies		.80	46,360.83
Interest:			
Burial Grounds, Sale of Lots fund	153.33		
Burial Grounds, Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund	11.21		
E. B. Field Recreation Fund	10.07		
Town Hall Fund	218.57		
Consolidated Trust Funds	6,366.77		
World War Trust Fund	133.70		
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	2.39		
Stabilization Fund	7.78		
General cash	804.26		
Proceeds of School Loan invested in Treasury Bills	8,848.84		
Deferred taxes and motor vehicle excises	337.27		16,894.19
Amount carried forward			1,144,011.57

Amount brought forward			1,144,011.57
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Agency:

Town Clerk:

Dog licenses		1,869.60	
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Town Treasurer:

Interest on Water Consumers'

Guarantee Deposit	75.88		
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Water Dept.: Contract

Extension Funds	74,337.74		
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Planning Board: Road

Extension Funds	27,500.00		
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Withholding taxes	61,654.49		
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Retirement deductions	12,164.03		
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Blue Cross deductions	3,034.80		
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Blue Shield deductions	1,687.75	180,454.69	182,324.29
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Trust:

Burial Grounds, Perpetual Care		2,850.00	
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Consolidated Trust Funds:

"Weston War Memorial Educational Fund"

	1,649.34		
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Matured Series G Bond	10,000.00		
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Sale of Rights, First Nat'l Bank of Boston	19.62		
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Withdrawals from Savings Banks for

1) purchase of Southern Pacific

Co. Equip.	9,894.22		
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2) opening new Savings Bank

account	5,000.00	26,563.18	
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Withdrawal from World War Trust Fund

income for Memorial Day expenses		31.00	29,444.18
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Investment Funds:

Burial Grounds—Sale of Lots—

Withdrawal from Savings Bank for re-purchase of Lots #s 781 & 798	200.00		
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Water Consumers' Guarantee Fund—

withdrawal for return to owner	1,000.00		1,200.00
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Amount carried forward			1,356,980.04
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Amount brought forward			1,356,980.04
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Municipal Indebtedness:

Water Loan #16

Note #303 Jan. 15, 1953. 0.8%

The Second Nat'l Bank of Boston

Par Value	65,000.00		
Premium	1.00	65,001.00	

Water Loan, #s 17 and 18

102 \$1000 bonds dated April 1, 1953

due \$12000 April 1, 1954 and \$10,000

due April 1, 1955-'63 1.8% at 100.1

Union Securities Corp. Par Value	102,000.00		
Premium	102.00	102,102.00	

School Loan #8

1030 \$1000 bonds dated May 1, 1953

due \$70,000 May 1, 1954-'67, 50,000

due May 1, 1968 2.2% at 100.03.

Halsey Stuart & Co.

Harriman Ripley & Co., Inc.

Hornblower & Weeks

Goldman Sachs & Co.

Par value	1,030,000.00		
Premium	309.00	1,030,309.00	1,197,412.00

Veterans' Housing Management

3,600.00

Refunds:

Collector: 1951 Bonds	93.60
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Purchase of Parking Space	1,000.00
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Accrued interest:

Water Loan #16	5.78
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Water Loan #s 17 and 18	178.50
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School Loan #8	2,014.22	2,198.50
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Board of Public Welfare

O. A. A.	519.27
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A. D. C.	91.60
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Selectmen: Insurance	115.97
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School Dep't.:	51.12
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School Lunch	5.04
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Police	17.50
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Highway	50.17
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V. H. M.	5.00	4,147.77
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Total receipts

2,562,139.81

Analysis of Expenditures for year ending December 31, 1953

General Expense:

Treasury Warrants		1,478,406.58
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Cemeteries:

Interest on deposits in Savings Banks added to Principal		
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B. G. S. L.	153.33	
Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund	11.21	164.54

Agency:

Water Consumers' Guarantee Fund		
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Interest added to Fund		75.88
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Investment:

Interest on deposits in Savings Banks added to Principal		
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Town Hall Fund	218.57	
E. B. Field Recreation Fund	10.07	228.64

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

Interest added to Fund		2.39
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Stabilization Fund

Interest added to Fund		7.78
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Trust:

World War Trust Fund:		
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Interest added to Fund		133.70
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Total disbursements

		1,479,019.51
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Town Appropriations:

To be raised by taxation, G. L. Chap. 41, Sec. 15A				\$817,516.63
Total appropriations approved to be taken from available funds				
(a) in 1953	\$ 79,768.15			
(b) in 1952 since 1952 tax rate was fixed	47,080.14	126,848.29	\$944,364.92	

Maturing Debt and Interest on Debt	114,074.75
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State Assessments

Metropolitan Parks	10,002.25
Underestimates State Assessments 1952	497.72
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,088.79

Middlesex County Tax and Assessments:

County Tax	31,313.79
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	6,158.23

Overlay	30,456.28
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Gross amount to be raised	\$1,137,956.73
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Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

State Income Tax	\$37,120.92	
Corporation Taxes	43,921.50	
Old Age Tax (Meals)	397.36	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	70,000.00	
Licenses	75.00	
Fines	85.00	
General Government	1,550.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	865.00	
Health and Sanitation	696.00	
Highways	400.00	
Charities (other than federal grants for aid to dependent children)	3,700.00	
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	10,724.35	
Veterans' Benefits	376.32	
Schools	29,900.00	
Libraries	900.00	
Recreation	1,600.00	
Water Department	74,000.00	
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	2,400.00	
Interest on taxes and deposits	820.00	
In lieu of Taxes	3,500.00	
Housing Fund	1,229.37	
Rental of Town Property	3,000.00	
State Assistance for School Construction Chapter 645, Acts of 1948	9,683.48	
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Total Estimated Receipts	296,944.30	
Amounts taken from available funds by vote of Town	126,848.29	
Overestimates County Tax and Assessments	5,907.13	
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Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		\$429,699.72
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Net Amount to be raised by taxation		708,257.01
Local Tax Levy:		
1,811 Polls at \$2.00 each	3,622.00	
Personal Property \$765,790 at \$39.00	29,865.81	
Real Estate \$17,301,650 at \$39.00	674,764.35	
Fractional Gain	4.85	
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		708,257.01
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Assessed Value of Personal Estate

Stock in Trade	\$ 84,500.00	
Machinery	71,700.00	
Live Stock	37,150.00	
All other Tangible Personal Property	572,440.00	
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		765,790.00

Assessed Value of Real Estate:

Land exclusive of buildings	3,584,220.00	
Buildings exclusive of land	13,717,430.00	
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		17,301,650.00

Total Assessed Valuation	<u><u>\$18,067,440.00</u></u>
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Tax Rate \$39.00 per \$1000.

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rate \$50.42 per \$1000.

Persons Assessed on Real Estate only	1476
Persons Assessed on Personal Estate only	50
Persons Assessed on Both Personal and Real Estate	74

Table of Aggregates

	Number Assessed
Acres of land	8,834.81
Dwelling houses	1,439
Horses	59
Cows	68
Bulls	7
Yearling	45
Heifers	5
Swine	879
Sheep	12
Fowl	3,185
Yearling bull	1
Mature heifers	7
2 yr. olds	5
Chinchilla	30
Ponies	7
Lamb	1
Calves	38
Goats	5

EXEMPTED PROPERTY**Houses of Religious Worship and Parsonages**

First Baptist Church	\$ 41,000.00
The First Parish in Weston	107,000.00
Methodist Episcopal Church	13,500.00
St. Julia's Roman Catholic Church	32,000.00
St. Peter's Episcopal Church	42,500.00

Parks and Water Works

Metropolitan District Commission	181,000.00
Metropolitan Water Board	87,128.64
City of Cambridge	5,000.00

Literary (Educational Institutions)

Boston University	181,732.00
Cambridge School, Inc.	368,457.00
Harvard College, President and Fellows	109,150.00
Meadowbrook School of Weston, Inc.	70,000.00
Newton Local Council of Girl Scouts	13,195.00
Sisters of St. Joseph (Regis College)	3,065,650.00
Weston College	1,350,000.00
Weston Scouts, Inc.	9,000.00

TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY

	Land Value	Bldgs. and Contents	Total
Town House and Common	\$10,000.00	\$130,000.00	\$140,000.00
School Department			
New High School	20,000.00	800,000.00	
Case House		15,000.00	
Elementary School	15,000.00	250,000.00	
Grammar School		90,000.00	
* Primary School		36,500.00	
			1,226,500.00
Cemeteries	30,000.00	5,000.00	35,000.00
Library	2,500.00	85,000.00	87,500.00
Swimming Pool Locker Building		5,000.00	5,000.00

TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY (Continued)

Fire Department			
Boston Post Road	1,500.00	40,000.00	
Kendal Green Station	500.00	4,000.00	
Equipment		35,000.00	81,000.00
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Highway Department			
Golden Ball Road	500.00	1,000.00	
7.33 acres land—Post Rd. By-Pass	5,000.00	40,000.00	
Storage shed and office K. G.		5,000.00	
Equipment		20,000.00	71,500.00
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Police Department Equipment		5,000.00	5,000.00
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Water Department			
Warren Avenue Pumping Station	4,000.00	10,000.00	
Two-family Dwelling		6,000.00	
Superintendent's house	500.00	5,000.00	
Kendal Green Pumping Station	5,000.00	7,500.00	
Nickerson Field Pumping Station	5,000.00	10,000.00	
Standpipes, Cat Rock & Doublet Hill	2,000.00	100,000.00	
Water Mains		315,000.00	470,000.00
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Glen Road Property	4,000.00		4,000.00
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Three lots near K. G. R. R. Station	1,500.00		1,500.00
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Stanley House—Warren Avenue	500.00	3,000.00	3,500.00
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Case lot—Wellesley & School Sts.	2,000.00		2,000.00
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1.12 acres land from Jones Estate	1,000.00		1,000.00
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2.6 acres from Louis J. Kirsch Tr.	1,500.00		1,500.00
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6 Veterans' Houses		42,500.00	42,500.00
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TOTALS	112,000.00	2,065,500.00	2,177,500.00

TOWN-OWNED PARKS

Children's Park—55670 sq. ft.

Soldier's Field—54600 sq. ft.

Weston Park—19 acres ±

Town House Park—2 acres ±

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Note A. Accounts indicated by † are continuing appropriations, the balances of which shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year. In cases where the balance is carried forward without this designation, the appropriation has been obligated for the payment of liabilities incurred in 1952.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1953

General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash:

In banks and on hand

748,337.19

U. S. Treasury Bills (90 day maturity)

At cost

700,159.83

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes

Levy of 1953

Personal Property

Real Estate

795.60

10,613.44

11,409.04

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise, Levy of 1953

Tax Titles

Tax Possessions

4,720.72

50.14

3,347.55

Departmental:

Town Property Rentals	406.50	
Public Welfare Department		
Aid to Dependent Children	172.07	
Veterans' Benefits	46.41	
School Department	21.00	
Cemetery Department	24.00	669.98
Water		
State Aid to Highways	1,000.00	1,199.32
County Aid to Highways	500.00	1,500.00
		22,896.75

Underestimates of State and County Charges:

Boston Arena Authority	1,041.95
County Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	663.77
	1,705.72

Court Judgment Paid

2,000.00

Improvement and Development of Cemetery Fund
from Sale of Lots Fund

768.74

Total Assets

1,475,868.28

LIABILITIES

Agency:		
Proceeds of Dog Licenses	22.80	
Water Main Extensions—Subscribers' Deposits	38,810.38	
Planning Board—Developers' Guarantee Deposits	30,000.00	68,833.18
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Blue Cross-Blue Shield Deductions		94.85
Trust Fund Income:		
Library Funds:		
Group A	701.48	
Group B	105.09	
Group C	320.49	
Group D	48.41	
Group E	40.32	
Group F	298.14	
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Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	706.55	
H. S. Sears Miscellaneous Funds	2,678.62	
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	148.18	
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	90.82	
Agnes P. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	22.33	
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	4.73	
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	10.88	
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	62.23	
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	6.97	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	840.17	
Weston War Memorial Educational Fund	10.59	6,096.00
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LIABILITIES (Continued)

Federal Grants:			
Old Age Assistance			
Administration	29.96		
Cash Benefits	305.74	335.70	
Aid to Dependent Children			
Administration	40.55		
Cash Benefits	79.60	120.15	
Disability Assistance			
Administration	133.00		
Cash Benefits	466.54	599.54	1,055.39
Veterans Housing Management Maintenance			9,913.92
Special School Lunch Account			3,777.40
School Athletic Fund			513.93
Improvement and Development of Cemetery			763.74
Land Authorized from Sale of Lots Fund			
Appropriation Balances Carried Forward to 1954			1,120,156.61
Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes			
Levy of 1952		550.00	
Levy of 1953		5,000.00	5,550.00

LIABILITIES (Continued)

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	4,720.72
Tax Title and Tax Possessions	3,397.69
Departmental	669.98
State and County Aid to Highways	1,500.00
Water	1,199.32
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	11,487.71

Overestimates of State and County Charges:

Metropolitan Parks—Loans, Interest and Maintenance, 1953	329.51
Metropolitan Parks—Loans, Interest and Maintenance, 1949	3.34
County Tax 1953	847.31
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	1,180.16

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus

Surplus (Excess and Deficiency)	29,340.29
	217,100.10

Total Liabilities

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	1,475,868.28
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Revenue 1953

Revenue Raised:	
Poll Taxes	3,602.00
Personal Property Taxes	29,875.64
Real Estate	
Taxes	674,769.20
Less 1953 levy added	
to tax titles	3.90
	708,242.94
Estimated Receipts:	
Amount used by assessors	
in fixing tax rate	296,944.30
Add: Amount in excess of	
assessors' estimate	
actually received	94,703.71

Available Funds transferred
to Revenue 1953:

Overestimates of County	
Assessments 1952	5,907.13
Appropriations unexpended and returned to treasury,	
December 31, 1953	36,750.95
	1,142,549.03

Statement of Changes in Surplus During 1953

Balance as of January 1, 1953	133,401.45
Add:	
Unexpended balances of 1952 appropriations carried forward to meet specific obligations	164.14
Unexpended balance of appropriation for Veterans Housing Board (1948)	95.89
Unexpended balance of 1953 appropriation for Chapter 90 Maintenance originally taken from surplus	.34
Unexpended balance of 1953 appropriation for Chapter 90 Construction originally taken from surplus	.61
Reimbursement from State and County for Chapter 90 Maintenance disbursements	2,999.66
Refunds to appropriations of 1952	17.50
	3,278.14

Less:

Appropriations from available funds:	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	3,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction	1,500.00
Water Department—	
Blanket Extensions	46,000.00
	50,500.00

Revenue Committed to Expenditure:		Tax Title taken for 1952 real estate taxes	
Appropriations	818,016.63	20.00	50,520.00
Maturing Debt	86,000.00		
Interest on Debt	28,074.75		
State Assessments	11,588.76		86,159.59
County Assessments	37,472.02		
Overlay, 1953	30,456.36		
	1,011,608.52		
	Add:		
	Revenue of 1953 transferred as of December 31, 1953		130,940.51
Revenue transferred to surplus, December 31, 1953	130,940.51		
			217,100.10

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	1,988,000.00	School Loans, 1948	594,000.00
		School Loan #7, 1951	96,000.00
		School Loan #8, 1953	1,030,000.00
			1,720,000.00
		Water Loan, 1946	56,000.00
		Water Loan #16, 1953	65,000.00
		Water Loans	
		#17 & #18, 1953	102,000.00
			223,000.00
		Veterans Housing Loan, 1950	45,000.00
	1,988,000.00		1,988,000.00

Statement of Trust and Investment Funds as of December 31, 1953

Assets

Cash on deposit	110,425.52
U. S. Government Bonds— at par value	70,000.00
Other Bonds—at par value	34,218.75
Add: Unamortized Premium	97.15
	34,315.90
Less: Unamortized Discount	202.83
Other Bonds—at cost	9,627.95
Other Securities—at cost	7,175.01

Liabilities

Trust Funds:	
Consolidated:	
Library Funds	68,667.30
Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	7,942.54
H. S. Sears Miscellaneous Funds:	
Town Common Fund	11,392.99
Teachers Home Fund	11,033.31
Trees and Shrubs Fund	5,504.47
Athletic Field Fund	5,504.47
School Prize Fund	3,302.68
Scholarship Fund	15,412.49
	52,150.41
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	503.36
Agnes P. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	1,005.86
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	201.18
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	201.39
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	501.79
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	501.79
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	301.10
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	76,277.21
Weston War Memorial	
Educational Fund	1,649.42
	209,903.35
H. S. Sears Town Hall Fund	8,113.45
Edward B. Field Recreation Fund	391.82

Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund	382.34	
World War Trust Fund	4,526.69	223,317.65
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Investment Funds:		
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	5,860.46	
Water Main Extensions Guarantee		
Deposits Fund	1,816.49	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	81.91	
Stabilization Fund	265.04	8,023.90
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	231,341.55	<hr/>
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Statement of Changes in Principal Amount of Consolidated Trust Funds January 1 to December 31, 1953

Library Funds:	Principal Jan. 1, 1953	Additions to Principal	Profit on Sale of Securities	Principal Dec. 31, 1953
Group A	32,009.21		3.00	32,012.21
Group B	3,866.20		.36	3,866.56
Group C	11,046.36		1.04	11,047.40
Group D	704.49		.07	704.56
Group E	8,769.56		.82	8,770.38
Group F	12,265.04		1.15	12,266.19
Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	7,941.80		.74	7,942.54

H. S. Sears Miscellaneous Funds:

Town Common Fund	11,391.92	1.07	11,392.99
Teachers Home Fund	11,032.28	1.03	11,033.31
Trees and Shrubs Fund	5,503.95	.52	5,504.47
Athletic Field Fund	5,503.95	.52	5,504.47
School Prize Fund	3,302.37	.31	3,302.68
Scholarship Fund	15,411.04	1.45	15,412.49
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	503.31	.05	503.36
Agnes P. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	1,005.77	.09	1,005.86
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	201.16	.02	201.18
Alpheus Cutler Cemetery Fund	201.37	.02	201.39
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	501.74	.05	501.79
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	501.74	.05	501.79
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	301.07	.03	301.10
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	73,420.06	7.15	76,277.21
Weston War Memorial Educational Fund	—	.08	1,649.42
Totals	205,384.39	4,499.34	209,903.35

Statement of Departmental Expenditures for the Year January 1 to December 31, 1953

	Appropriations 1953 and Balances Jan. 1, 1953	Transfers from Reserve Fund	Expended during 1953	Balance Carried Forward To 1954	Transferred to Revenue 1953
I General Government					
Selectmen					
Chairman's Salary	200.00		200.00		
2nd Member's salary	100.00		100.00		

3rd Member's salary	100.00	100.00	74.70
Expenses	300.00	225.30	4.00
Finance Committee	50.00	46.00	
Town Accountant and Executive Secretary			
Salary	7,812.50	7,812.50	
Expenses	360.00	172.46	57.22
Treasurer and Collector			
Salary	4,650.00	4,650.00	
Office salaries	2,712.00	2,662.45	49.55
Expenses	2,466.00	875.00	20.00
Assessors			
Chairman's salary	325.00	325.00	
2nd Member's salary	100.00	100.00	
3rd Member's salary	100.00	100.00	
Office Salaries	332.00	321.95	10.05
Expenses	525.00	436.26	88.74
Expert Appraisal of Taxable Real Estate†	Bal. Jan. 1	4,600.00	131.00
Town Clerk			
Salary	150.00	150.00	
Expenses	250.00	153.51	96.49
Clerk of Committees	11,168.00	10,955.98	212.02
Town Engineer			
Salary	5,187.50	5,187.50	
Expenses	300.00	208.45	91.55
Law			
Election and Registration	2,875.00	1,310.45	3.33
Planning Board	948.00	658.50	289.50
	1,250.00	690.69	559.31

Town Hall					
Salaries	6,211.00	6,125.30			85.70
Expenses	5,970.00	5,774.69		10.00	185.31
Maintenance and Repairs†	3,300.62	1,047.26		2,253.36	
Equipment †	670.00				
Former Jones Property	388.01	666.82		391.19	
Jones House—Capital Improvement†	4,000.00	3,074.50			925.50
Committee to Report on Standing Votes, By-Laws	3,236.17	3,078.35		157.82	
and Regulations†	500.00			500.00	
Committee to Study Town Forest†	500.00			500.00	
	71,767.80	2,185.45	66,896.88	3,889.59	3,166.78

II Protection of Persons and Property

Police Department					
Salaries	35,807.00	33,013.15			2,793.85
Expenses	4,000.00	3,547.74			452.26
Equipment and Apparatus†	5,674.00	2,787.66		2,886.34	
Fire Department					
Salaries	31,773.00	33,164.92			
Expenses	5,550.00	5,495.35		8.00	46.65
Equipment and Apparatus†	2,000.00				
	1,548.82	3,100.00		1,578.06	
Hydrant Service	8,060.00	7,342.49		690.00	27.51
Civil Defense†	1,600.00				
	94.23	1,200.07		494.16	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	25.00				25.00

Moth Extermination	3,750.00	3,723.00	27.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,250.00	1,245.20	4.80
Tree Warden	6,300.00	6,299.88	.12
Building Inspector	490.00	.02	490.02
	107,922.05	4,491.94	5,656.56
		103,380.24	3,377.19

III Health and Sanitation

Board of Health			
Chairman's salary	25.00	25.00	
Secretary's salary	50.00	50.00	
3rd Member's salary	25.00	25.00	
Expenses	3,250.00	2,919.56	330.44
Cooperating Boards of Health	2,540.00	2,455.77	84.23
Inspection of Plumbing	1,500.00	1,220.22	279.78
Mosquito Control	6,500.00	6,500.00	
	13,890.00	None	None
		13,195.55	694.45

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IV Highways and Bridges

Highway Department			
Salaries	42,235.00	39,863.29	2,371.71
Expenses	29,280.00	28,956.62	323.38
Equipment†	2,300.00		
Bal. Jan. 1	1,084.28	2,346.43	1,037.85

Chapter 90 Maintenance	Voted from Surplus	1,500.00			
		3,000.00		4,499.50	.50
Chapter 90 Construction		500.00			
Land Takings, Highway†	Voted from Surplus	1,500.00		1,999.19	.81
Street Lighting	Bal. Jan. 1	345.00		345.00	
Public Dump		13,000.00		12,483.06	516.94
		2,500.00		2,220.67	279.33
Municipal Garage Construction†	Bal. Jan. 1	43,187.14		43,046.71	140.43
		140,431.42	None	135,760.47	1,178.28
					3,492.67

Va. Public Welfare—Appropriations

Board of Public Welfare					
Chairman's salary		50.00		50.00	
2nd Member's salary		50.00		50.00	
3rd Member's salary		50.00		50.00	
Public Welfare—Administration					
Salary		1,900.00		1,873.60	26.40
Expenses		550.00		452.46	97.54
Aid Expense		26,200.00		18,139.72	7,784.28
Soldiers' Benefits		800.00		543.30	256.70
		29,600.00	None	21,159.08	276.00
					8,164.92

b. Public Welfare—Federal Grants

Old Age Assistance Administration	Grants Received	1,306.96	1,277.00	29.96
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Assistance

Bal. Jan. 1, 1953	1,031.80			
Grants Received	9,149.61	9,875.67	305.74	
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Aid to Dependent Children Administration				
Grants Received	217.95	177.40	40.55	
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Aid				
Bal. Jan. 1, 1953	534.07			
Grants Received	1,026.85	1,481.32	79.60	
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Disability Assistance Administration				
Grants Received	133.00		133.00	
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Assistance				
Bal. Jan. 1, 1953	712.11			
Grants Received	806.68	1,052.25	466.54	
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	14,919.03	None	1,055.39	None

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Vla. Schools—Appropriations

School Department				
Salaries	271,570.00	271,429.82		140.18
Inspection of School Children	900.00	900.00		
School Nurse	2,310.00	2,267.36		42.64
Utilities and Fuel	21,350.00	17,748.79		3,601.21
Maintenance, Repairs and Other Expenses	45,977.00	40,938.97	2,312.68	2,725.35
Transportation	34,900.00	31,111.04		3,788.96
Athletic Field Equipment and Maintenance	825.00	522.69		302.31
Vocational Education	800.00	373.75		426.25

Out-of-State Travel		600.00		388.37	211.63
Association Membership Dues		146.00		140.40	5.60
School Buildings—Remodeling, Reconstruction and Repairs†	Bal. Jan. 1	2,120.54		1,748.83	371.71
School Buildings—Plans, Engineering and Expert Services†	Bal. Jan. 1	3,248.92			3,248.92
School Building Committee†	Bal. Jan. 1	18,835.68		18,835.68*	
Elementary School Building Committee†	Bal. Jan. 1	28,074.94			
Transferred from School Building Committee (1946)		18,835.68*			
Appropriated		41,164.32			
Proceeds of School Loan #8		1,030,000.00			
		<u>1,118,074.94</u>		159,889.63	958,185.31
		1,521,658.08	None	546,295.33	964,118.62
					<u>11,244.13</u>

*Transferred to Elementary School Building Committee by vote of Town under article 15, Annual Town Meeting 3/23/53.

b. Schools—Special Funds

Special School Lunch Account	Bal. Jan. 1	2,973.73			
Received from sale of lunches		17,962.45			
Received from Commonwealth of Mass. as reimbursement		4,432.49			
		<u>25,368.67</u>		21,591.27	3,777.40
School Athletic Fund	Bal. Jan. 1	264.64			

Receipts
Appropriated by Town

2,687.35				
300.00				
3,251.99	2,738.06	513.93		
28,620.66	None	4,291.33	None	
15,500.00	15,381.10			118.90
3,200.00*	3,189.82			10.18
3,500.00	3,499.53			.47
750.00	549.67			200.33
350.00	349.54			.46
Bal. Jan. 1	3,803.50			196.50
27,300.00	None	26,773.16	None	526.84

*Includes \$1,432.47 transferred from County Dog License Refund

VIII Recreation

Recreation Commission	11,722.50	10,499.20		1,223.30
Park Department	1,470.00	1,204.48		265.52
	13,192.50	None	11,703.68	None
				1,488.82

IX Unclassified

Memorial Day	300.00			300.00	
Town Reports	2,100.00			2,100.00	
Insurance—Fire and Boiler	2,005.00			1,807.95	197.05
—Workmen's Compensation	3,900.00			3,736.65	163.35
—Motor Vehicles	2,000.00			1,830.73	169.27
—All Other	175.00			87.47	87.53
Town Owned Houses	400.00			165.50	234.50
Tax Possessions Maintenance†	376.02	Bal. Jan. 1			376.02
Contributory Retirement Fund Administration	5.00				5.00
Contributory Retirement Fund	7,895.28			7,895.28	
Unclassified—All Other	1,100.00			969.77	130.23
Town Bulletin	1,600.00		54.43	1,654.43	
Historical Committee	50.00			7.00	43.00
Veterans Housing Board†	95.89	Bal. Jan. 1		95.89*	
Purchase of Land for Public Parking Space†	5,500.00	Bal. Jan. 1			
Undelivered check cancelled	1,000.00			6,500.00	
	28,502.19		54.43	20,650.67	1,029.93

*Unused balance of appropriation closed out to surplus by authority of Veterans Housing Board.

X Water Department

Board of Water Commissioners					
Chairman's salary	100.00			100.00	
2nd Member's salary	100.00			100.00	
3rd Member's salary	100.00			100.00	

Water Department				
Salaries	15,902.00	15,222.99	679.01	
Expenses	15,692.00	15,566.55	125.45	
Equipment and Apparatus	2,400.00	1,989.44	410.56	
Water Department—Blanket Extensions†				
(Financed by bond issues and appropriations from available funds)	Bal. Jan. 1			
Proceeds of Water Loan #16	2,850.16			
(Article 5, Special Town Meeting 12/15/52)	65,000.00			
Appropriated article 9 Annual Town Meeting 3/23/53	46,000.00			
	113,850.16	70,029.51	43,820.65	
Water Supply, Plant and Facilities—Study and Investigation†				
New Well Construction†	Bal. Jan. 1			
Proceeds of Water Loan #17	5,000.00	3,068.07	1,931.93	
(article 16, Annual Town Meeting 3/23/53)				
Water Mains	59,000.00	9,591.04	49,408.96	
Loring Road and Summer Street				
Proceeds of Water Loan #18				
(article 16, Annual Town Meeting 3/23/53)	43,000.00	43,000.00		
	255,144.16	None	138,161.54	1,215.02
XIa. Cemetery Department—Appropriations				
Salaries	10,133.00	10,121.79	11.21	
Expenses	1,125.00	993.56	131.44	
	11,258.00	None	None	142.65

b. Cemetery Department—Income Perpetual Care Funds

Bal. Jan. 1	96.84			
Added during 1953	2,293.11			
	2,389.95	None	1,549.78	840.17
				None

XII Interest and Maturing Debt

a. Appropriation

Interest on Refunds

10.00				10.00
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b. Raised by Assessors

Interest on Debt—Water

—Schools

—Veterans Housing

1,528.00			1,528.00	
25,953.00			25,953.00	
593.75			593.75	

Maturing Debt—Water

—Schools

—Veterans Housing

28,074.75	None	28,074.75	None	None
9,000.00		9,000.00		
72,000.00		72,000.00		
5,000.00		5,000.00		

86,000.00	None	86,000.00	None	None
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c. Accrued Interest Available for Interest Payments

Water Loan #16, 1953

5.78

Water Loans #17 and #18, 1953

178.50

School Loan #8, 1953

2,014.22				
2,198.50				2,198.50
116,283.25	None	114,074.75	None	2,208.50
	6,731.82			

Total transfers from Reserve Fund

XIII Reserve Fund

Transferred from Overlay Surplus 3/23/53

Less: transfers in column 3 above

Balance transferred to Overlay Surplus 12/31/53

9,000.00				
	6,731.82		2,268.18	

Sub-total Items I through XIII**XIV Expenditures from 1952 Appropriations Carried Forward to 1953.**

Assessors—Expenses	Bal. Jan. 1	7.70			Transferred to Excess and Deficiency
Town Hall—Expenses	Bal. Jan. 1	20.00	7.70		1.89
Former Jones Property	Bal. Jan. 1	1,750.00	18.11		119.75
Fire Department—Expenses	Bal. Jan. 1	2.00	1,630.25		2.00
School Department—Maintenance, Repairs and Other Expenses	Bal. Jan. 1	2,676.30	—		
Library—Equipment	Bal. Jan. 1	28.00	2,635.80		40.50
			28.00		
		4,484.00	None	4,319.86	None
					164.14
Grand Total		2,396,363.09	None	1,230,835.37	1,128,611.68
					36,916.04

Recapitulation of Departmental Expenditures 1953

Appropriation Balances January 1, 1953		138,675.42
Appropriations from Revenue 1953	818,016.63	
Appropriations from Surplus	50,500.00	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus to Reserve Fund	9,000.00	
Appropriation from Dog License Refund	1,432.47	
Appropriations raised by borrowing		
Proceeds of School Loan #8	1,030,000.00	
Proceeds of Water Loan #16	65,000.00	
Proceeds of Water Loans #17 and #18	102,000.00	1,197,000.00
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Transfer from Special School Building Committee		
1946 to Special School Building Committee 1953	18,335.63	
Maturing Debt—raised by Assessors	86,000.00	
Interest on Debt—raised by Assessors	28,074.75	
Other Funds Available for Departmental Expenses:		
Income Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	2,389.95	
Federal Grants	14,919.03	
School Athletic Fund	2,951.99	
Special School Lunch Account	25,368.67	
Accrued Interest		
School Loan #8	2,014.22	
Water Loan #16	5.78	
Water Loans #17 and #18	178.50	2,198.50
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Cancellation of check undelivered since 1951	1,000.00	48,828.14
		2,257,687.67

Total Expenditures Authorized	2,396,363.09
Actual Expenditures 1953	1,211,999.69
Transfer from Special School Building Committee 1946 to Special School Building Committee 1953	18,835.68 1,230,835.37
Unexpended authorizations	1,165,527.72
Less: Balances carried forward to 1954	1,128,611.68
Balances transferred to surplus, December 31, 1953	36,916.04

Other Payments Required by Law January 1 to December 31, 1953

State Charges:	
Metropolitan Parks—Loans, Interest and Maintenance	10,075.47
Auditing Municipal Accounts	1,183.78
Boston Arena Authority	1,041.95
County Charges:	
Middlesex County Tax	30,466.48
Middlesex County Tuberculosis Hospital	6,822.00
	49,589.68

Statement of Income and Expenditures Consolidated Trust Funds for the year January 1 to December 31, 1953

Consolidated Trust Funds:

Library Funds:

	Balance of Income Jan. 1, 1953	Income Added	Available for Expenditure	Expended	Balance of Income Dec. 31, 1953
Group A	362.92	983.00	1,345.92	644.44	701.48
Group B	114.66	118.77	233.43	128.34	105.09
Group C	61.94	339.29	401.23	80.74	320.49
Group D	26.79	21.62	48.41	—	48.41
Group E	81.02	269.30	350.32	310.00	40.32
Group F	264.88	376.76	641.64	343.50	298.14
Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	622.52	244.03	866.55	160.00	706.55

H. S. Sears Miscellaneous Funds:

Town Common Fund	56.99	349.96	406.95	87.20	319.75
Teachers Home Fund	136.62	338.96	475.58	264.00	211.58
Trees and Shrubs Fund	1,010.84	169.11	1,179.95	10.00	1,169.95
Athletic Field Fund	393.71	169.11	562.82	—	562.82
School Prize Fund	87.37	101.32	188.69	90.00	98.69
Scholarship Fund	272.45	473.38	745.83	430.00	315.83
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	111.41	15.41	126.82	36.00	90.82
Agnes P. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	21.41	30.92	52.33	30.00	22.33
Emna F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	4.37	6.36	10.73	6.00	4.73
Alpheus Cutler Cemetery Fund	141.82	6.36	148.18	—	148.18
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	10.61	15.27	25.88	15.00	10.88
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	46.96	15.27	62.23	—	62.23
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	6.65	9.32	15.97	9.00	6.97
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	96.84	2,293.11	2,389.95	1,549.78	840.17

Weston War Memorial Educational Fund

None	10.59	10.59	—	10.59
3,932.78	6,357.22	10,290.00	4,194.00	6,096.00

Statement of Changes in Trust and Investment Funds other than Consolidated Trust Funds Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1953

Other Trust Funds:

H. S. Sears Town Hall Fund
Edward B. Field Recreation Fund
Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund
World War Trust Fund

Principal and Interest Bal. Jan. 1	Income Added	Additions to Principal	Expended	Principal and Interest Bal. Dec. 31
7,894.88	218.57			8,113.45
381.75	10.07			391.82
371.13	11.21			382.34
4,423.99	133.70		31.00	4,526.69
13,071.75	373.55	None	31.00	13,414.30

Investment Funds:

Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund
Water Main Extensions Guarantee Deposits Fund
Post War Rehabilitation Fund
Stabilization Fund

5,372.13	153.33	535.00	200.00*	5,860.46
2,740.61	75.88		1,000.00**	1,816.49
79.52	2.39			81.91
257.26	7.78			265.04
8,449.52	239.38	535.00	1,200.00	8,023.90
21,521.27	612.93	535.00	1,231.00	21,438.20

Totals

*Expended for reacquisition of cemetery lot in Linwood Cemetery as authorized by vote of town under article 11 of Annual Town Meeting 3/23/53.
**Balance required to cover remaining liability to Town was reviewed and a refund made by order of the Board of Water Commissioners.

Statement of Outstanding Indebtedness, December 31, 1953

Purpose for which loan was made and rate of interest	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1953	Paid in 1953	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953	Principal Due in 1954	Interest Due in 1954
School Loan No. 4, 2%	292,000.00	27,000.00	265,000.00	27,000.00	5,300.00
School Loan No. 5, 1.75%	74,000.00	5,000.00	69,000.00	5,000.00	1,207.50
School Loan No. 6, 2%	288,000.00	28,000.00	260,000.00	28,000.00	5,200.00
School Loan No. 7, 1.6%	108,000.00	12,000.00	96,000.00	12,000.00	1,536.00
School Loan No. 8, 2.2%	—	—	1,030,000.00	70,000.00	21,890.00
Total School Loans	762,000.00	72,000.00	1,720,000.00	142,000.00	35,133.50
Water Loan No. 12, .75%	2,000.00	2,000.00	—	—	—
Water Loan No. 13, 1%	63,000.00	7,000.00	56,000.00	7,000.00	525.00
Water Loan No. 16, .8%	—	—	65,000.00	65,000.00	504.11
Water Loans No. 17 and 18, 1.8%	—	—	102,000.00	12,000.00	1,728.00
Total Water Loans	65,000.00	9,000.00	223,000.00	84,000.00	2,757.11
Veterans Housing Loan, 1950, 1.25%	50,000.00	5,000.00	45,000.00	5,000.00	531.25
Grand Totals	877,000.00	86,000.00	1,938,000.00	231,000.00	38,421.86
Principal Due on Present Loans					
	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
School Loans	142,000.00	142,000.00	142,000.00	142,000.00	137,000.00
Water Loans	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
Veterans Housing Loan	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total	164,000.00	164,000.00	164,000.00	164,000.00	159,000.00

REPORT OF THE STATE AUDITOR

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Weston for the period from April 13, 1952, the date of the previous examination, to November 10, 1953, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and verified by comparison with the books of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the treasurer's recorded receipts. The recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants and with the treasurer's records of disbursements.

The general and appropriation ledgers were analyzed, the appropriations, transfers, and loan authorizations being checked with the town clerk's records of town meeting votes, and the transfers from the reserve fund being compared with the finance committee's approvals for such transfers. A balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on November 10, 1953 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer and collector, as treasurer, were examined and checked. The cash book was footed, the recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records of the several departments making payments to the treasurer, with other sources from which the town received money, and with the town accountant's books. The payments, as recorded, were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds.

The treasurer's cash balances on November 10, 1953 were verified by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, by examination of the savings bank books and United States Treasury Bills, and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the can-

celled securities and coupons on file. The unclaimed bonds and coupons were listed and reconciled with statements furnished by the banks at which the debt and interest are payable.

The records of payroll deductions from town employees' salaries on account of Federal taxes, the county retirement system, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield were checked. The deductions were added and compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, the disbursements were verified, and the balances on hand were reconciled with the town accountant's ledger controls.

The tax possessions on hand November 10, 1953 were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved, the amounts withdrawn and transferred to the town were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and all transactions were verified.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer and collector, as collector, were examined and checked in detail. The tax and motor vehicle and trailer excise accounts outstanding at the time of the previous audit, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved with the assessors' warrants issued for their collection. The recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective controls in the town accountant's ledger.

The departmental and water accounts outstanding at the time of the previous audit and all subsequent commitments were audited and proved. The recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were checked with the departmental and water commissioners' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the town accountant's ledger.

Verification notices were mailed to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received thereto it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of guarantee deposits made with the town treasurer, as required by the planning board for street acceptances and plans, and by the water commissioners for main extensions, were examined and checked. The deposits were listed, the amounts transferred to the town collector to cover the cost of water extensions were verified, the refunds to depositors were proved, and the deposits on hand

November 10, 1953 were reconciled with the town accountant's ledger controls.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked. The recorded receipts from dog and sporting licenses, recording fees, and miscellaneous charges were audited, the payments to the town were compared with the treasurer's cash book, the payments to the State were checked with the receipts on file, and the cash on hand was verified by actual count.

The surety bonds furnished by the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of cash receipts of the selectmen and of the sealer of weights and measures, of the health, school, library, and cemetery departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town, were audited and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's general and special cash accounts, summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, departmental, and water accounts, as well as schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

During the progress of the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ

Assistant Director of Accounts

WS:TJP

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

Additions to principal for the Consolidated Trust Funds during 1953 were as follows:

Weston War Memorial Educational Fund	\$1,649.34
Perpetual Care payments, Burial Grounds	2,850.00
World War Trust Fund, unexpended interest	102.70
Sale 5/13 share First National Bank of Boston	19.62
	<hr/> \$4,621.66

As of December 31, 1953, the total book value of the Consolidated Trust Funds was \$214,430.04. A detail of investments at Book Value (cost) and at December 31, 1953 appraisal prices follows:

	Book Value	Appraisal Dec. 31, 1953
World War Trust Fund	\$ 4,526.69	\$ 4,526.69
Unallocated Savings Deposits	88,987.32	88,987.73
\$10,000 U.S. Savings Ser G 2½ 7/1/54	10,000.00	10,000.00*
10,000 " " " " " 8/1/54	10,000.00	10,000.00*
10,000 " " " " " 4/1/55	10,000.00	10,000.00*
10,000 " " " " " 6/1/56	10,000.00	10,000.00*
10,000 " " " " " 12/1/56	10,000.00	10,000.00*
10,000 " " " " " 5/1/57	10,000.00	10,000.00*
10,000 " " " " " 11/1/57	10,000.00	10,000.00*
10,000 Erie RR Equip. 3 12/1/60	9,902.95	10,060.00
10,000 C & O RR Equip. 3¼ 10/15/61	10,097.15	10,150.00
10,000 M-K-T RR Pr. Ln. 4 1/1/62	9,627.95	9,450.00
10,000 So. Pac. Co. Equip. 3½ 5/1/63	9,894.22	10,020.00
5,000 N. Y. Cent. RR 4 2/1/98	4,218.75	3,137.50
215 shs First National Bank, Boston	7,175.01	10,535.00
Totals	<hr/> \$214,430.04	<hr/> \$216,866.51

*Redemption value on due date.

Purchase of \$10,000 Southern Pacific Co. 3 1/8% Equipment Trust Certificates Series II dated May 1, 1953 and due May 1, 1963 was made out of the proceeds of \$10,000 United States Savings Bonds Series G, which became due and payable on May 1, 1953. The Certificates were purchased on a 3 1/4% yield basis, at a cost of \$9,894.22. A stock dividend was declared by the First National Bank of Boston, amounting to 15 5/13 additional shares. Under present laws, no stocks may be purchased by Town Trust Fund Commissioners, and for this reason, the fractional share was sold.

Income return from the Trust Fund investments improved slightly to just under 3%. Dividends from savings banks have continued to rise, and the relative attractiveness of long-term bonds has not yet been considered sufficient to justify withdrawal of deposits.

The War Memorial Educational Fund is a welcome new addition to the Town's Trust Funds, and it is hoped that it may continue to grow. Gifts or bequests to this fund, or for any other worthwhile civic purpose, can help to improve Weston's cultural opportunities or physical attractiveness.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Births, Marriages and Deaths

Recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Weston for the year 1953

Number of births recorded	89
Number of marriages recorded	59
Number of marriage certificates issued	49
Number of deaths recorded	50
Residents of Weston	47
Non-Residents	3
Population of town, 1950 Federal Census	5,026
Death rate per thousand	9.352

The following detailed report of births, deaths and marriages recorded during 1953 is printed for the purpose of bringing to the attention of interested persons the facts which appear on the official records of the Town Clerk. *Please check the names and other data for errors* and notify the Town Clerk's office if corrections in the original records should be made.

The report of the following birth occurring in 1951 was received too late to be included in the 1952 annual report.

OCTOBER

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
9	Diane Holbrook Davis	Kenneth E. and Helene Holbrook

The report of the following births occurring in 1952 were received too late to be included in the 1952 report.

JUNE

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
7	Kenneth Bradford Rollins	Frederick G. & Constance B. Emory

OCTOBER

23	Linda Maria Stagliano	James and Marguerite Willauer
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NOVEMBER

11	Wendy Anne Keitel	Hans G. E. and Norma L. Blickfelt
14	Thomas Atwood Denniston	Grant R. and Anne Golding
30	Elizabeth Lang Kempster	John H. and Sherley Lang

DECEMBER

15	Richard Hamlen Dougherty	John B. and Jean MacDill
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Births

JANUARY

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
7	Pamela Ann Stevens	Frank A. and Gladys Gaugler
9	Peter Best Sugden	John F. and Ruth Bryant
16	Bradford Ammidon Williams	Parker and Frances Hill
19	Gregory Leith French	Edward L. and Maryel Finney
27	William Hollis Robbins	Hollis L. and Katharine Johnson
29	William Blair Brooks	John G. and Miriam P. Littlefield
30	Charline Allan Carney	Robert I. and Charline Bailey

FEBRUARY

3	Paul Alec Marsh	Paul E. and Margaret Breed
5	Elizabeth Anne Kovar	George A. and Margaret A. Larson
5	Barbara Reid	David H. and Janice Gould
9	Sidney Sherwin Faulkner	William H., Jr. and Mary Sherwin
12	Daniel Francis Cetrone	Daniel and Christine Russo
16	Deborah Anne Shepard	Thomas E., Jr. and Beverly Hastings
21	Richard Leslie Sherman, Jr.	Richard L., Sr. and Jan Palmer
24	Wendy Anne King	Donald M. and Doris H. Hills

MARCH

2	Leslie Madeleine Hastings	Parker and Emilienne Lowell
5	Diane Jeanne Byers	John S. and Grace-Ellen Denton
6	Philip Hart Schanzle	Richard F. and Gwenda Carney
6	Douglas Taylor Viles	Daniel F. and Barbara Spalding
11	Marlene Gladys Curtin	Robert J. and Doris C. Frye
13	Victoria Bowen Field	Laurence and Eleanor Roddy
14	John Huber Underhill, 3d	John H., Jr. and Rebecca J. Stout
24	Christopher Shinn Gardella	Joseph W. and Elena Shinn

APRIL

4	Albert Ira Montague, Jr.	Albert I. and Janice L. Piper
7	Gail Sharon Johnson	Russell A. and Grace S. Fitzgerald
13	Rosemary Elizabeth Brown	Kenneth A. and Mary J. Thimm
18	Jeffrey Thomas Lawson	Joseph T. and Pearl E. McColemm
22	Robert Efird Ellis	Robert S. and Margaret A. Efird
24	Christofer Carl Dierdorff	Irvin E. and Helen Larson

MAY

4	Marjorie Jeanne Smith	Charles R. and Jeanne B. Roy
10	Moors Cabot	Thomas D., Jr. and Anne Flint
10	Wendy Margaret Larsen	Robert F. and Marie L. Skauen
12	Martha Burns Davis	James C., Jr. and Wendy Berrong
14	Charles Morreale, 3d	Charles, Jr. and Ruth E. Brigham

17 James Michael Russell	Charles H. and Alice E. Bourque
19 Henry William Lingley, Jr.	Henry W. and Rita M. Conroy
20 Michael Kilkenny	Theodore and Phyllis O'Brien
21 Cyrus Edmund Childs	Richard H. and Nancy Halligan
21 Kimball Choate Warren	Bernard J. and Jean P. Dewar
25 Susan Ann Popko	Peter C. and Sarah A. Church
28 Peter Gray Wiswall	David C. and Barbara Gray

JUNE

7 Carl Hunt Stritter	Edward and Jean Preble
8 Peter Fuller Kellogg	David M., Jr. and Marion Fuller
18 Winslow Carlisle Dean	Wendell A. & Maybelle L. Caughey
22 Martha Gordon Freymann	John G. and Ruth E. King
23 Hugh Stockly Robinson	Otis B. and Dorothy VanderHout
24 Thomas Edward Bauer	Edward W., Jr. and Julia B. Merrill
27 Deborah Harriet Bowers	Charles P. and Virginia Colpitts

JULY

5 Stephen Donald Woodard	Donald E. and Susan S. Corey
12 Pamela Anita Honthumb	Richard W. and Ruth Stanley
15 Janice Mary Aucoin	Joseph M. and Pauline P. Mogan
21 Linda Gray Sexton	Alfred M. and Anne Harvey
29 Gail Iris Johnston	Lester A. & Mearle E. Cunningham

AUGUST

8 Sallie Bodell Wheeler	Gordon L. and Marguerite Bodell
9 Faith Diane Colpitts	Harold A. and Joan A. Foster
11 Susan Dowse Ashbrook	Joseph and Martha E. Dowse
11 Ervin Linwood Bumford, 2d	Robert L. and Jean O. Phillips
14 Barbara Frances Brown	William C. and Marjorie Griswold
17 Thomas Rickey Bevington	Edmund M. and Elizabeth A. Rickey
20 Susan Rose Krakowski	John F. and Saada M. Gage
21 Thomas Gary Pelsue	Max A. and Anna M. Higdon
25 Debbie-Anne Martin	Harold W., Jr. & Anne L. Woodland
28 Jay Martin Schwartz	Everett, Jr. and Bettylou Bolster

SEPTEMBER

2 Linda Jane Compton	Daniel E., Jr. and Jane B. Cahill
2 Patricia Melone	William D. and Marie F. Woodliffe
3 Steven Martin Mattson	Vernon M., Jr. & Jacquelyn L. Hand
9 John Mark Gourgas, 5th	John M., 4th and Anna B. Faxon
9 Richard Davenport Herrick	George M. & Katherine Davenport
14 James Damon Hatch	Rexford L. and Rita C. Rady
16 Pamela Rush	Dumont and Cordelia DeVane
18 Susan Estelle Corrigan	Douglas E. and Virginia M. Woolfall

18	Kenneth John DeLoria	Kenneth A. and Phoebe-Mary Dowd
24	Deborah Lynn Martin	John and Janet V. Purple
24	Daniel Clinton Stone	Malcolm R. and Judith M. Koch

OCTOBER

3	Elizabeth Dewey Owens	Carl C. and Elizabeth D. Massie
8	David Adams McMullin	Robert D. and Barbara Bell
9	Alane Marjorie Brodrick	Malcolm H. and Marjorie K. Klein
19	Thruston Wright, 3d	Thruston, Jr. and Patricia Bahen

NOVEMBER

6	Deborah Anne DiSchino	Robert and Bernadette Mullin
12	Geoffrey Lowe Blakeley	Gerald W., Jr. and Miriam Whitcomb
20	Ian Harvey	Earl and Aileen Johnston
21	William Joseph Fallon	John T. and Pauline A. Mayer
21	Judith Ann Shaver	Arthur D. and Mary J. Hammond
22	Dale Ann Sweeney	Marvin W., Jr. & Virginia I. Rogers
29	Carol Anne Donovan	James J. and Dorothy Steinmetz

DECEMBER

2	Halcott Green Grant, Jr.	Halcott G. and Mary C. Paine
7	Robert Wellington Dowse	Leonard H. and Amy P. Ranney
8	Charles John McCarter	Robert H. and Dorothy M. Douglas
12	Harrison Stuart Ripley	Harrison S. and Mary E. Allen
12	Mark Gregory Weissbecker	Frank J. and Alice M. Comick
14	Pamela Nickerson Clapp	John S., Jr. and Ann H. Wilkinson
29	Robert Maurice DeLong, Jr.	Robert M. and Gertrude B. Riley

Marriages

JANUARY

Date

24	Richard J. Lawless of Weston and Lois A. Hanlon of Cambridge
27	Robert B. Coyle, Jr. of Dorchester and Barbara J. Sherman of Weston
29	Richard A. Winslow of Auburndale and Barbara J. Bell of Weston
30	Frederick W. Rink of Weston and Harriet H. Grimley of West Newton
31	Thomas J. Prue of West Roxbury and Jeanne E. Merry of Weston

MARCH

23	Clarence B. Smith of Oxford and Rene B. S. Hood of Weston
28	Paul B. Clifford of Weston and Shirley C. Hamilton of Duxbury
28	Frederick R. Coburn of Weston and Barbara L. Franklin of Worcester

APRIL

- 5 George A. Chalmers of Brighton and Mary A. Mitchell of Weston
- 11 Guy L. Akers, Jr. of Weston and Regina L. FitzPatrick of Marlboro
- 18 Vincent Melone of Weston and Janice M. McCourt of Brookline
- 28 Harry D. Lord, Jr. of Newton and Janette M. Comeau of Weston

MAY

- 2 William A. Barron, 3d of Weston and Mary D. Robertson of Concord
- 23 Samuel M. Hall of Rhode Island and Helen Coburn of Weston
- 27 Thomas L. Smith of Maryland and Jean I. Paddock of Delaware
- 27 Frederic E. Snow, 2d of Weston and Martha S. Vaughan of Miss.
- 29 Herbert S. Evans of Cambridge and Elizabeth B. Doyle of Weston

JUNE

- 6 David W. Campbell of Weston and Jean F. Polley of Lexington
- 13 Alfred B. Edmunds of Weston and Ellen-Marie Manton of Dorchester
- 13 Frederick W. Latrash of Washington, D. C. and Patricia Houghton of Weston
- 13 Joseph P. Sheehan of Weston and Mary E. Dolan of Billerica
- 20 Richard M. Sherwood of Wellesley Hills and Janet B. Robertson of Weston
- 21 David B. Katz of Springfield and Davida Gordon of Chestnut Hill
- 21 Allen A. Sanborn and Priscilla H. Rogers both of California
- 27 William H. Nichols, Jr. of Weston and Janet H. Martin of Newton Highlands
- 27 Dixon B. White of Weston and Sarah M. Eaton of Wellesley Hills

JULY

- 5 Herschel B. Burt of Weston and Thelma M. Ketchen of Belchertown
- 17 John L. Moore, Jr. of Florida and Hope Trumbull of Weston
- 21 Robert E. Marsh and Margaret E. Link both of Weston

AUGUST

- 8 Harry F. Brockington of Weston and Anne E. McDonnell of Watertown
- 12 Clifford H. Miller, Jr. of Lynnfield Ctr. and Constance E. Gratey of Weston
- 14 David R. Palmer of New York and Nancy deM. Merrill of Weston
- 15 Alden C. Doliber of West Newton and Ruth M. T. Batson of Belmont
- 15 Harold T. McAleer of Everett and Shirley H. Merry of Weston
- 22 James B. Reebel of Ohio and Jeannette T. Pintabona of Waltham
- 22 Russell White, 3d of Natick and Eleanor G. McKenna of Walpole
- 29 Albion G. Hart of New Jersey and Cora S. Currie of Weston

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Jerome Mathieu Gale of Washington and Nancy Dennison Douglas of Weston
- 5 Arthur R. Pearce of Weston and Emma Taubner of Clinton

- 5 George S. Turner and Betty L. Milton both of Waltham
- 7 Robert F. Melia of Weston and Helen T. Thompson of Roxbury
- 12 Donald R. Walton of Weston and Joan E. Halgren of Marshfield
- 19 George E. Brooking, Jr. of Kentucky and Ruth B. Dumaine of Weston
- 20 Philip J. Sheehan of Weston and Barbara M. Kane of Framingham
- 26 Donald A. Richardson of Weston and Brigitte K. M. Fennert of New York
- 26 Andrew L. Riker, 3d of Connecticut and A. Anne Fisher of Weston
- 26 John D. Sheehan, Jr. of Roslindale and Maureen H. Stevens of Weston
- 26 Richard A. Williams of Wellesley and Cynthia P. Hill of Weston

OCTOBER

- 4 Santo Anza of Weston and Marie R. Amabile of Waltham
- 9 Patrick Cotter of Weston and Evelyn B. M. Burgess of Waltham
- 10 Harold W. VanHeest of Weston and Barbara A. Tebo of Sudbury
- 11 Charles J. R. Cahill of Weston and Muriel L. Halpin of Waltham
- 25 Robert S. Toland of Weston and Elaine Patterson of Concord

NOVEMBER

- 15 William L. Sullivan of Boston and Carol Saurwein of Weston
- 21 John C. Amory of Wellesley and Cynthia C. Nichols of Weston
- 21 Harry E. Perkins of Maine and Louise A. Grant of Weston

DECEMBER

- 19 Robert C. Patten of Florida and Joy Blaney of Weston
- 27 Thomas R. Brundage, Jr. of Brookline and Louise Anthony of New Jersey
- 28 Kent H. Collins of Newtonville and Betty L. Bleasdale of Weston

Deaths

JANUARY

Date	Name	Place of Birth	Age		
3	Hulda MacKenzie	Sweden	78	1	27
3	Mary F. Nash	West Acton, Mass.	77	1	22
9	Winthrop B. Cutting	Boston, Mass.	62	11	19
16	Benjamin H. Shaw, Sr.	Weston, Mass.	73	7	0

FEBRUARY

6	Barbara Reid	Waltham, Mass.	—	—	1
22	Agnes Fitzgerald	Ireland	72	—	—
24	Louise Cole	Belmont, Mass.	43	—	—

MARCH

7	Mary J. Sherman	Lincoln, Mass.	86	1	7
8	William A. Lynch, S.J.	Stockbridge, Mass.	55	—	—
11	James T. Foote	Nova Scotia	83	2	14
20	Erminie M. Davenport	Belgrade Lakes, Me.	87	7	5
27	Lillian Travis	Weston, Mass.	70	9	18
29	Herbert A. Sherman	Wayland, Mass.	91	0	23

APRIL

5	Rachael H. Remick	Wakefield, N. H.	65	7	1
8	Harriet Peirce	New York, N. Y.	66	2	7
9	Frederic R. Beebe	Malden, Mass.	66	11	13
12	William J. Starmar	Waltham, Mass.	60	7	0
26	Harold W. Coburn	Weston, Mass.	67	6	20

MAY

11	Alice Ayer	Waltham, Mass.	63	8	26
30	Tennyson W. MacKinnon	Nova Scotia	50	10	13
31	James Barton	England	95	1	15

JUNE

5	John W. Coveney, S.J.	Boston, Mass.	78	—	—
7	Mary E. Winsor	Cincinnati, Ohio	52	10	2
10	John G. Peirce	Boston, Mass.	73	7	30
19	Matilda M. Holdsworth	England	90	4	4
27	Frances M. Holloway	Nova Scotia	75	2	9

JULY

2	Martha I. Shurtleff	Danielson, Conn.	73	10	29
16	Grace F. Packer	Cambridge, Mass.	64	2	23
16	Herbert W. Scott	Mass.	44	—	—
17	Jennie B. Miller	Granville, Mass.	90	—	—
23	John C. Waters	Wellesley, Mass.	59	—	—
25	Clifford C. Cooper, Sr.	Weston, Mass.	72	1	9
25	Elizabeth D. Palmer	Australia	51	2	27

AUGUST

13	Maud Coburn	Hyde Park, Mass.	89	4	16
19	Hugh S. Robinson	Boston, Mass.	0	1	27
31	Lucius M. Sargent	Boston, Mass.	59	9	21

OCTOBER

23	Florence J. Berry	Nova Scotia	80	9	28
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NOVEMBER

6	Edward P. Ripley, Sr.	Weston, Mass.	81	11	3
8	Mary F. Troy	Bryn Mawr, Pa.	31	0	27
18	E. Brenton Jennings	Weston, Mass.	67	3	29
24	Marshall Moulton	Bucksport, Me.	54	10	29
29	Edna L. Seaverns	Weston, Mass.	85	3	23

DECEMBER

8	Sarah Howe Young	Ireland	83	11	19
11	William Mackenzie	Cherry Creek, Pa.	83	11	22
13	William D. Riddell	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	2	24
14	Grant M. Palmer, Sr.	Republic, Ohio	92	2	23
15	Samuel E. Murray	Waltham, Mass.	61	9	3
19	John T. Clark	Boston, Mass.	78	8	18
24	Gertrude A. Whitney	Waltham, Mass.	32	—	—
25	Fred A. Burgess	Waltham, Mass.	68	4	0

Number of dog licenses issued during the year:

425 males at \$2.	\$850.00	
90 females at \$5.	450.00	
297 female spayed at \$2.	594.00	
1 kennel license at \$50.	50.00	
9 kennel licenses at \$10.	90.00	
1 transfer at 25¢	.25	
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		\$2,034.25
Fees deducted (822 licenses at 20 cents)	\$164.40	
Paid to Middlesex County Treasurer	1,869.60	
1 transfer at 25¢	.25	
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		\$2,034.25

Number of licenses issued during the year under the Division of Fisheries and Game:

118 Fishing at \$3.25	\$383.50	
75 Hunting at \$3.25	243.75	
52 Sporting at \$5.25	273.00	
22 Female Fishing at \$2.25	49.50	
36 Minor Fishing at \$1.25	45.00	
1 Special Non-Resident Fishing at \$2.75	2.75	
1 Non-Resident Citizen Military Sporting at \$2.00	2.00	
5 Non-Resident Citizen Hunting at \$15.25	76.25	
1 Duplicate at \$.50	.50	
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		\$1,076.25
Fees deducted (310 licenses at 25 cents)	\$ 77.50	
Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	998.75	
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		\$1,076.25

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

The total number of registered voters in the town of Weston as of December 31, 1953 was 2973.

With the cooperation of Mrs. Arlene Reed, the "Welcome Wagon" brings to each new family in Town a letter from this Board urging the qualified newcomers to register. Copy of the letter is attached hereto.

To the Voters in the family:

We look forward to the opportunity of registering you as a voter in this town at the earliest opportunity.

The legal requirements are that you must have lived in Massachusetts for one year and in Weston six months prior to registration.

After that period of time you may register at the Town House any time during office hours.

Weston people take their civic responsibilities seriously. We are one of the top towns in United States in the percentage of persons over 21 years of age who are registered voters, and in the percent of voters who go to the polls.

Will you do your part to keep our record high by registering as a voter here as soon as you have met the legal requirements?

Thank you for your cooperation,

Sincerely,

Eugene O. Hanson, CHAIRMAN

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

During 1953 the Weston Planning Board completed its preliminary work on proposed zoning by-law revisions and publicized the general scheme of the proposals by articles and talks to various groups. The public response to the principal features of the proposals seems to be most favorable. All householders will receive forthwith a notice of a public hearing on the amendments suggested, and soon thereafter the proposals will be embodied in articles of the warrant for a special town meeting. Action of the voters on the articles will largely determine the pattern of future growth of the Town.

The main features of the zoning proposals are to establish two new residential classes of districts, one class requiring an area of

60,000 square feet and a street frontage of 200 feet and the other new class requiring an area of 40,000 square feet and a street frontage of 150 feet. It is proposed that these districts be established in areas where the applicable requirements will in general create lots conforming to present community characteristics.

Other changes proposed are designed to cure existing defects, clarify bothersome ambiguities or prepare for needs that may arise.

Planning the resources, needs and possibilities of the Town is handicapped by planning by other authorities over which we have no control. A vigorous committee of townspeople was successful in inducing the Toll Road Authority to abandon a route through Weston which would have destroyed more of our attractive homes than now seem destined for obliteration. The impact of the route now proposed on residential property is being studied and ways to offset the damage if it materializes being considered.

Determination of suitable sites for municipal buildings and areas which will be needed in the future is proceeding in cooperation with other boards and officers, but this program should be accelerated.

New ways approved during the year totalled about 1.2 miles in length, and names of new ways are Baker's Hill Road, Gail Road and Drabington Way. Approximately 66 potential building lots were involved.

With regret we received the resignation of our clerk, T. Robert Frost. The Selectmen and the remaining members of the Board appointed Glenn N. Lempereur to fill the vacancy.

We appreciate the courtesy and co-operation of all members of the Town government and of boards and committees in assisting us in the performance of our responsibilities.

Protection of Persons and Property

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Abandoned cars	3
Accidents (2 fatal)	83
Ambulance calls	43
Bitten by dogs	14
Buildings broken into	20
Complaints and investigations	703
Complaints about dogs	156
Dogs killed	1
Dogs to pound	29
Empty houses watched	395
Suicide	1
Summonses served	253
Summonses returned without service	16

Value of property stolen—Approx.	\$4,468.00
Value of property recovered—Approx.	3 71.00

Arrests made:	Male	Female
Automobile road law violation	2	
Assault	4	1
Carrying concealed weapon	1	
Discharging firecrackers	2	
Disturbing peace	1	
Driving to endanger	7	
Drunk	13	1
Escaped prisoner	3	
Going away after damage to property	2	
Larceny	1	
Lewdness	1	
Malicious mischief	6	
Manslaughter	1	
Obscene language	1	
Operating after suspension	1	
Operating under influence	7	
Operating unregistered car	1	
Picking flowers on State property		1
Safekeeping	2	
Speeding	5	
Threatening assault	1	
Vagrant	1	
Trespass	2	
Violation of School Bus Law	1	
	66	3

Disposition of Cases:

Committed to State Hospital	3	
Continued	1	
Dismissed	2	
Fined	20	
Held for Grand Jury	1	
Not Guilty	6	
Placed on file	10	1
Probation	4	
Released	5	1
Suspended Sentence—House of Correction	1	
Turned over to outside police	1	
Turned over to parents	12	1
	—	—
	66	3

Disposition of cases in Superior Court:

Driving to endanger Not Guilty

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The rapid growth of Weston's population raises the question of providing additional fire station facilities in order to best serve the needs of the Town. The need for a new station capable of housing four pieces of apparatus and to be located in the southern section of the Town, preferably near South Avenue and Oak Street, should be investigated.

Again this year it has been recommended that the 1931 model 1000-gallon pumper be replaced because of the difficulty of obtaining repair parts in the event of a breakdown.

The Auxiliary Firemen organized under the Civil Defense Act of 1950 have rendered valuable service on many occasions. This assistance is much appreciated by all members of the department.

The teamwork of regular men, call-men and auxiliary firemen has contributed greatly to the successful operation of the department.

WHEN PHONING FOR FIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE GIVE YOUR STREET AND NUMBER FIRST, THEN YOUR NAME.

In 1953 the Fire Department responded to 136 Bell Alarms and 80 Still Alarms as follows:

In Buildings

Barn	1	House	7
Boat house	1	Investigations	2
Boiler	1	Light Fixture	2
Chimney	6	Motor	2
College	1	Oil Burner	4
Dishwasher	1	Radiator	1
School Dormitory	1	Radio	1
Food in Oven	1	Range Burner	2
Furnace	1	Refrigerator	2
Garage	1	Saw Mill	1
Gas Leak	3	Washing Machine	1

Other

Automobile	7	Lock Out	3
Burning without Permit	3	Miscellaneous	17
Brush	43	Needless	6
Debris	6	Peat Bog	2
Dump	20	Pump out Cellar	3
False	4	Tractor	1
Grass	25	Truck	1
Leaves	7	Tree	2

Emergency Calls

Auto Accidents	9	Resuscitator	3
Truck Accidents	3	Other	3

Mutual Aid

to Wayland	3	to Worcester	1
to Lincoln	1		

The following equipment was used by the various companies:

Company	Runs	$\frac{3}{4}$ Hose	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Hose	$2\frac{1}{2}$ Hose	Ladders
Engine 1	19	—	—	2650'	24'
Engine 2	107	11865'	300'	1750'	—
Engine 3	53	1475'	800'	1000'	14'
Engine 4	52	3145'	—	1000'	—
Engine 5	86	8150'	100'	350'	—
Ladder 1	41	650'	—	—	573'
Totals	358	25285'	1200'	6750'	611'

1953 Fire Loss (Insurance Paid) \$23,690.60

Number of Fires Causing loss in Excess of \$1,000.00 5

Per Capita Fire Loss (approximately) \$4.00

Fire Chief

Maurice L. Upham

Permanent Men

F. Wyman Johnson	Daniel E. Compton
Albert J. White	John A. Compton
Henry M. Merrill Jr.	Herbert B. Crouch

Drill Master

F. Wyman Johnson

Clerk

Herbert B. Crouch

Honorary Members

Winfred A. Martin	Harold B. Colpitts
Jeremiah Sliney	John A. Cain
Augie Johnson	Frank B. Riley
Clarence Hyde	Oscar S. Payne
Hugh N. MacDonald	Herbert E. Lyons
John E. Lingley	

Radio Man

Robert G. Hutchinson

Call Men

Engine Company
Edward M. Dickson
Charles R. Barker
Leander F. Rafuse
John A. Clark
George Roberts
Henry M. Lingley
Everett Schwartz Jr.
Charles E. MacLeod
John W. P. Young

Ladder Company
Allan T. Wheeler Jr.
Thomas Williams
Stephen L. Colpitts
Warren E. Vittum
Richard Hosterman
Arnold C. Carlson
John H. Bartlett
Frederick J. Perkins
Robert Delong
William Sherburne

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Auxiliary Fire Department

This organization was fully equipped for twenty-two auxiliary firemen, so that additional equipment was not required during 1953. One coat was damaged at a brush fire, but all other equipment has been maintained in good condition at the Fire Station.

Under Deputy Director Edward H. Dickson, and with the assistance of Lieut. Wyman Johnson, the Auxiliary Fire Department attended three Test Exercises, the first being February 2 in Waltham, the second March 8 in Brookline at the Chestnut Hill Shopping Center, and the third November 15 at the new Industrial Center in Needham. Audible warnings were sounded twice during the year from the Fire Station, the first being on May 7 and the second on November 15.

We are glad to report that twenty-two auxiliary firemen are equipped, trained, and available for any emergency which may arise in the Town.

Auxiliary Police Department

One of the greatest needs in Weston Civil Defense has been the development of an adequate Auxiliary Police Department. We feel that one of our biggest advances during the year has been in this organization. Deputy Director Charles L. Smith, assisted by Officer Frank Shaw as the official representative of the Police Department, has held two meetings and filled out the requirements of ten men in each of the four sectors of the Town, headed by four Sector Lieutenants. Traffic belts, whistles and auxiliary police badges were ordered so that these men might have some protection when assigned to traffic duty. During 1954 we expect further organization and training in the Auxiliary Police Department, but at least we can report a long step forward in 1953.

Communications

Under Deputy Director Robert W. Little, we have vastly improved our ability to contact all areas of Weston with two-meter radio equipment. The six-meter set connecting the Weston Fire Station with Civil Defense Headquarters in Newton has been a useful and effective piece of equipment from the beginning. The two-meter radios, which we largely assembled ourselves, were not as effective as they might have been. They were replaced in 1953 with Gonset equipment which



The high pressure fog unit is shown extinguishing oil fire at Needham,
November 15, 1953.

has given us successful coverage, either direct or by relay, in all areas of Weston. By a double relay we even successfully transmitted messages to the Needham area at the time of the November 15 exercise. Mr. Little and those working with him have capably operated the equipment at each State test so that at least six times during the year they have tested the equipment by sending messages to Newton and other surrounding towns, and throughout Weston, on both a stationary and a mobile basis. We believe our communications system is now ready for any emergency which might arise if the telephone system were not available, and as a supplementary service when the telephone system might be over-loaded.

Civilian War Aid

Mrs. E. Olsen Field was Deputy Director of Civil Defense as the official representative of the Weston Red Cross. The Disaster Relief Committee of the Weston Chapter, as in the past, has served as the Civilian War Aid Division of Civil Defense. At the end of the year this committee, under Mr. Donald Wyman, completely reviewed the organization and prepared mimeographed copies for distribution to those most directly interested.

The Weston Red Cross supplied a mobile canteen unit for feeding personnel at the November 15 exercise in Needham.

Medical Department

In the budget request for 1953, the need for some emergency medical supplies was emphasized. These materials were not purchased because it is now possible that the Medical Department under Dr. Daniel J. Blacklow can qualify for a complete first-aid station as distributed by the Federal Civil Defense Agency. This request is being processed; consequently, it did not seem wise to buy materials until we have a definite answer in this regard.

Civil Defense Office

The Civil Defense office at the Town House was open on Monday evenings from the beginning of the year through June 15 and was re-opened on October 1. Mrs. W. Barton Leach and Mrs. Charles L. Smith served as Staff Aides throughout this period.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Following is the report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1953:

<i>Scales</i>	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	<i>Not Sealed</i>	<i>Condemned</i>
Over 10,000 lbs.		2	1	
100 to 5,000 lbs.		1		
Under 100 lbs.		18		

Weights

Avoirdupois	2
Apothecary	14

Volumetric Measures

Liquid Meas. 1 gal. or under	6
Liquid Meas. 100 gal. and over	1

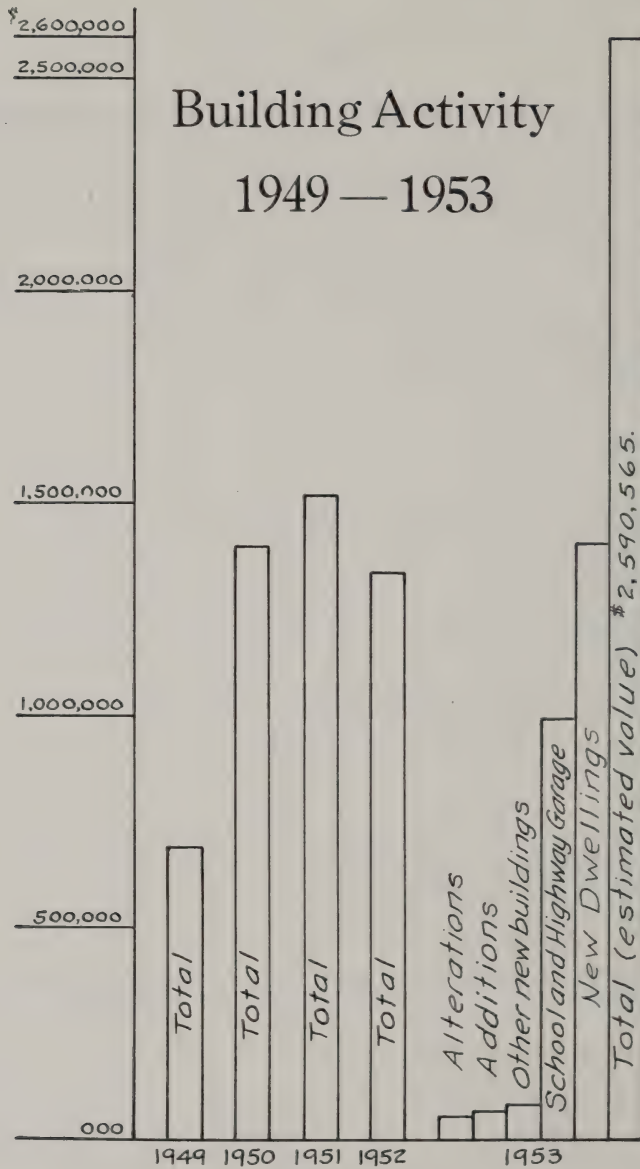
Automatic Liquid-Measuring Devices

Gasoline	11
Oil, Grease	5
Kerosene	1

Fees amounting to \$36.70 were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Number of permits issued	139
Number of building inspections	416
Fees collected	\$475.50



1953
 79 permits for new dwellings
 20 permits for other new buildings
 19 permits for additions
 21 permits for alterations

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN AND THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

During the past year six (6) elm trees were found to be infected with Dutch Elm Disease fungus. These trees have been removed and properly disposed of. The sanitation program consisting of pruning, spraying and feeding weakened trees has also been carried on. Again we wish to appeal to the townspeople to remove dead and dying elm trees from their property before mid-April, in order to help us carry on the fight against Dutch Elm Disease.

Your Tree Warden is very much encouraged concerning the Dutch Elm Disease problem in Weston. For the past seven years we have followed the best known program for combating Dutch Elm Disease. I have attended a great many meetings throughout the year on shade tree problems, including the National Shade Tree Conferences held in Chicago this year, where papers were read on the control of Dutch Elm Disease. I feel confident that if Weston continues its sanitation program most of our elms will be with us for many years to come.

In connection with maintenance of roadsides the usual pruning program has been carried on. Due to drought conditions and to improve highways for general travel and for school buses many trees have had to be removed during the past year. In addition, work along the Boston Post Road has been necessary because the trees are no longer maintained by the state.

A tree planting program should be started in the near future to replace the trees that may have to be removed because of weakened conditions.

The Moth Department carried on its usual spray program. One spray was applied to all the shade trees along the roadsides, and two sprays were applied to all of the elm trees along the roadsides to control leaf eating insects including elm bark beetle, gypsy moth and tent caterpillar. This spray program has been carried on for the past seven years and has accomplished much I believe, to prevent the spreading of the Dutch Elm Disease.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town in the capacity of Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent, and I would like to express my thanks to the citizens and other department heads for their cooperation.

Health and Sanitation

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

During the past year, though the general routine public health program has followed closely the pattern of the previous year, there have, nevertheless, been discussions of important policies and projects looking toward the future. These include:

1. The concern regarding accidents and accident prevention, especially in the home, which is being accepted generally as a concern of health departments. However, accident prevention in the community involves a cooperative enterprise between the Board of Health, School Department, Police and Fire Departments, the Recreation and Building Departments, and cannot be broken up into separate compartments. The chief contribution that the Board of Health can make is in the educational field and in encouraging cooperation between departments.

2. The Board has made a study of the need for public sewerage in Weston, more especially for the town center, and has obtained certain engineering estimates on the cost. A survey, which would include the whole town, would cost approximately six thousand (\$6000) dollars. The Board of Health has kept the Planning Board and the Selectmen informed on this matter. This is to be considered long range planning rather than immediate policy or need.

3. The adoption of a state law requiring that all hog farmers shall be licensed by the state, and that as a condition for license acceptable facilities for boiling all garbage fed to hogs, raised the question as to whether unofficial multiple collection service in Weston would continue to be satisfactory. Steps were taken to find a contractor and to get an estimate on emergency service beginning the first of the year if private collectors went out of business.

4. The Board has watched with interest the growth of the practice of fluoridation of public water supplies throughout the nation, and has analyzed carefully this practice as regards the effect upon health in general and the prevention of tooth decay in children using such water during the period of tooth development in particular. It is convinced that the practice is safe and that the public health benefits in the reduction of dental caries by fifty to sixty percent in children is an established fact. It believes that this matter should now be studied by a citizens committee to make recommendations on this practice in Weston.

There was but one change in personnel during the year, namely, the appointment of Stephen Colpitts as alternate plumbing inspector in place of Frederick Cookson.

The following is a summary of the more important facts regarding vital statistics and services of the Board of Health during 1953.

1. There were forty four deaths of residents; two of these were infant deaths, but all the others with one exception were over the age of forty, and five deaths were in persons over ninety years of age.

2. Reported to the end of the year there were seventy-five births giving the low rate of 14.2 per thousand population. This is probably not a final figure since there is an appreciable lag in the reporting of births where all, or practically all, take place outside of Weston.

3. There was a total of one hundred four cases of reportable diseases, but no single disease reached epidemic proportions. Such a low rate could be a danger signal since in the absence of such diseases as measles, mumps, and German measles a susceptible child population is built up. The occurrence of five cases of poliomyelitis was more than Weston's share of the total number reported in the state. According to our record two of the cases were paralytic.

4. The Well Child Conference has now taken its place as a stabilized part of the health program. The number of infants or pre-school child per Conference remained the same as last year. The practice of immunization against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus, vaccination against smallpox, and the administration of reinforcing or "booster" inoculations at the right time, have given assurance that these children are well protected against this group of diseases.

The public health nurse reports that a survey of the school population of kindergarten and first grade shows that ninety-nine percent had been immunized.

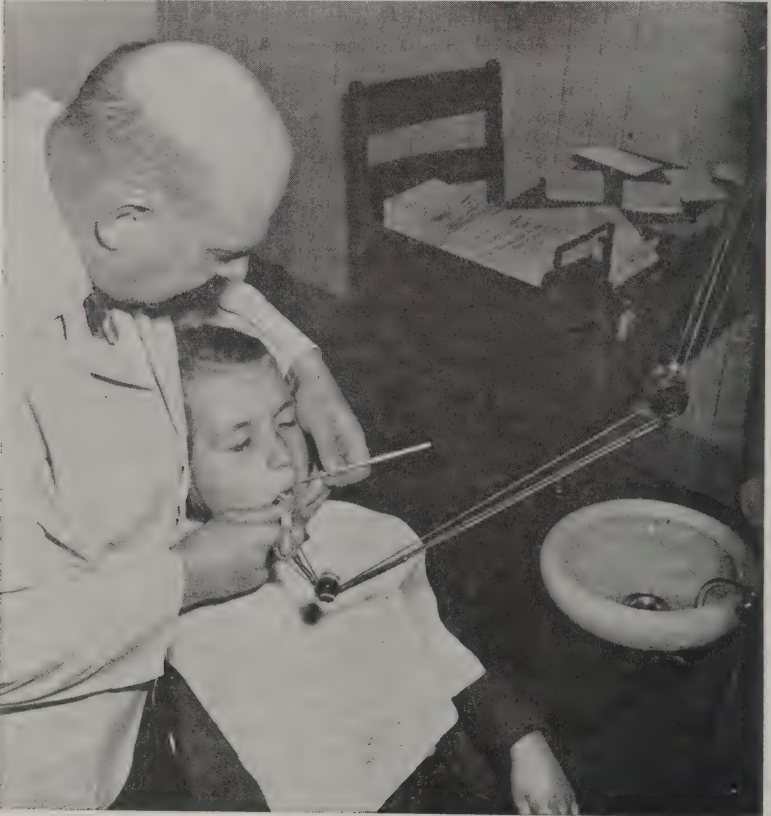
5. Because of the provision made for increased time for the dental physician in the last appropriation, the dental services were expanded and needs were more adequately met. There was a total of nine hundred sixty-three operations and ninety-three certificates issued as compared with six hundred seventy-five and eighty-four respectively the previous year. The dental clinic has been operated by the Board of Health since 1933 when the Weston Post of the American Legion generously provided modern equipment, and the town made an appropriation for the salary of the dental physician.

We have a competent dental physician who is enthusiastically interested in children's dentistry. The public health nurse screens the applicants for the dental clinic and makes the appointments, and the clerk assists the dentist in keeping records and in other routine ways.

6. The continuing high level of home building, and the creation of new subdivisions have required a substantial amount of the time of the Sanitarian in advising about and passing upon sewage disposal

facilities, and studying the character of land and drainage of new developments in order to make recommendations to the Planning Board. Ninety-four permits were issued for the installation of cesspools and septic tanks; sixty-four completed and approved.

In addition to this work the Sanitarian has collected water and milk samples, eating utensil samples for routine analysis, and has investigated and recommended action on all complaints.



The Board of Health's modernly equipped dental clinic operated by a physician interested and skilled in child dentistry gives Weston children, who might not otherwise obtain it, complete dental care.

7. The dog immunization clinic was held as usual in June, and two hundred twenty dogs were given protective inoculations against rabies. This disease has not occurred in Massachusetts for a number of years, but as with smallpox in human beings, if it should strike

and find one hundred percent susceptible population, it might have disastrous consequences. The Board feels that this is a very worthwhile preventive practice.

8. A report from the Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering states that twenty-five dog bite cases were investigated, post mortem meat inspections on eight hogs were made, three calves were examined after arrival from out of state. The animal census showed that there were fifty-four horses, seven hundred ninety-eight swine, one hundred seventy-eight cattle, seventeen sheep, and four goats.

The total expenditures under the direction of the Board of Health amounted to \$6,695.64, giving a per capita cost of \$1.26.

REPORT OF THE MOSQUITO COMMISSIONER

At the ninth annual budget meeting November 24, 1953, of Commissioners for the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project the group opinion was advanced that Weston was still delinquent in Control accomplishment. Your Commissioner was for the sixth successive year strongly urged to request an increase in the Mosquito Control appropriation to the minimum amount of \$8,000.00.

As has been explained in previous reports, a larger appropriation is necessary in order to pay for more permanent control drainage work. As rapidly as basic breeding areas can be permanently controlled various seasonal control measures, spraying etc., will no longer be needed in such areas. It is again evident that we are in danger of being penny-wise but pound-foolish not to more quickly arrive at the desired goal of less costly maintenance status.

As was requested by the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen the year 1953 in Weston was marked by emphasis on permanent control work as compared with seasonal spraying. In comparing 1953 accomplishment with that of other years it must be remembered that labor, equipment and other costs have increased with our general increase in living costs.

The 1953 season record for Weston is as follows:

Work done

Insecticide Spray	1,537 gallons
Insecticide Dust	569 pounds
New Ditching	1,760 feet
Ditch Cleaning	8,915 feet, linear
Brush Cutting	2,675 feet, square

Expenditures

Labor	\$3,095.56
Insecticide	341.98
Aircraft	545.67
Allocated Expense	1,776.52
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	\$5,759.73

Statement

1952 Balance	\$1,722.97
1953 Appropriation	6,500.00
1953 Expenditures	5,759.73
Adjustments for services of other projects	99.04
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Balance	\$2,364.20

Although it is understood that spray and dusting are temporary measures and hence are not as good an investment for the long run future as permanent ditching and drainage, your Commissioner feels that the cost of these items is so small per person that the comfort and safety afforded, particularly to summer residents and all the children, makes such effort well worth while.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Number of permits issued	278
Number of wire inspections	374
Fees collected	\$487.50

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

There were 158 permits issued as follows:

New residences	86
Alterations	72
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	158

The sum of \$330.00 was collected in fees and the money paid to the Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ENGINEER

During the year 1953 this office gave assistance to the various Town departments, public utility companies, townspeople and others in the following ways:

Planning Board Attended Planning Board hearings and gave advice on plans submitted for the Board's approval. Discussed with the Board revisions in the Zoning By-law. Helped in revision of rules and regulations of the Board's requirements of real estate developers.

Roads being built in new developments were watched to see that they conformed to specifications and line and grade of the approved plans.

Board of Appeals Attended Board of Appeals hearings to answer technical questions.

Board of Assessors Assessors maps were revised adding new subdivisions and names of new owners of property.

Building Inspector Street numbers were assigned for new houses and questionable house locations were checked to be sure they conformed to the Zoning By-law.

Water Department Inspected installation of water main extensions in Oak Street, Glen Road, Shady Hill Road, Ledge Wood Road, Woodchester Drive, Brook Road, Hawthorne Lane and Drabbington Way, a total length of 10,589 feet.

Estimates of cost of further extensions in Woodchester Drive, about 1800 feet, extension in Glen Road, about 250 feet, and an extension in Sears Road, about 1270 feet, were made. Work was started on the installation of water main in Gail Road, an extension of 855 feet.

Work was done in connection with the new well being developed on land received from Mrs. FitzGerald.

Highway Department Lines and grades were established for the construction of some roads and drains. Several drainage problems were worked out to alleviate water nuisances.

The problem of a new town dump is being studied with the Selectmen and the Superintendent of Streets.

Public Utilities Companies Gave information on street lines, property lines and ownership to representatives of telephone, electric and gas companies.

General Public Gave information on street lines, property lines, property owners' names and zoning regulations to private engineers, real estate agents, property owners and prospective property owners.

Plans were prepared showing the proposed locations of the Massachusetts Turnpike through Weston as obtained from the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

Highways and Bridges

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Maintenance:

Stone walls and gravel banks on Summer Street were removed to eliminate dangerous curves. The intersections with Conant Road at Sunset Road and Viles Street were widened.

The following public roads were repaired and resurfaced:

Apple Crest Road	Merriam Street	Viles Street
Conant Road	Oak Street	Wellesley Street
Granison Road	School Street	(In part)
Love Lane	Sunset Road	

The following private ways were accepted by the Town as public ways:

Coburn Road	Ferndale Road	Old Colony Road
Columbine Road	Lantern Lane	Rolling Lane
Dean Road	Old Coach Road	

New Garage:

The new garage located on the Boston Post Road By-Pass just easterly of Golden Ball Road was formally accepted by the Town on June 30, 1953. A picture appears on the opposite page. The department prepared the site prior to construction. In addition, the department graded the yard after construction was completed and installed about 200 feet of drain pipe to carry off water from a pond to the south of the building on the land owned by the Town. Water pipe was installed from the main in Golden Ball Road to the garage.

The wooden structure on Newton Street used for many years as a Town garage was removed and the land regraded.

Swimming Pool:

The Weston Memorial Pool was cleaned and all debris removed. About five hundred yards of clean beach sand were hauled from Ipswich and placed on the bottom of the pool.

Elementary School:

Land was cleared and graded at the rear of the Elementary Schools and surfaced with binder and hot top to make a parking lot.

New Equipment:

A small Ford tractor with mowing attachment and snow-plow was purchased in June.



Traffic:

Street signs have been repainted and replaced as needed. New signs have been installed on streets accepted by the Town. Guard rails and all traffic street lines have been repainted.

Drainage:

About 180 feet of drain pipe with two catchbasins were installed on Pinecroft Road. Pipe was laid across North Avenue to replace a broken stone culvert which drains a pond near Conant Road.

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

A section of South Avenue between Winter and Brown Streets which had settled was raised and resurfaced. In addition, about 2½ miles of other parts of South Avenue were repaired and resurfaced.

Chapter 90 Construction:

The stone bridge over Hobbs Brook on North Avenue was found, by an inspector of the Department of Public Utilities, to have a broken granite member. One half of the job of replacing this bridge was completed in 1953. New poured concrete headwalls and capstone were constructed and the road surface replaced in the eastbound traffic lane. It is expected that completion of this project by rebuilding the remaining portion of the bridge will be undertaken in 1954.

Sidewalks:

About 800 feet of sidewalk on Concord Road from the Boston and Maine R.R. (Central Mass. Division) bridge to Merriam Street was repaired and resurfaced. About 200 feet of sidewalk on North Avenue was repaired during 1953.

Snow and Ice:

The amount of snow during 1953 was light as compared to previous years. A large part of the department's work consisted of sanding.

Public Welfare

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Operating costs of the Board of Public Welfare during 1953 were lower than anticipated in the budget request for that year. This resulted mainly from a lower than average case load in Old Age Assistance during a part of the year. A substantial return to the town treasury from the aid expense appropriation was made possible. Net cost to the Town was \$9,411.83 on total disbursements of \$34,479.42.

It will be noted that the budget request for 1954 is somewhat lower than for last year although an increased case load already is evident. Calculations for our needs are based on an individual study of each existing case, applications on file and visible prospective cases. As far as is possible, the effect of proposed regulation changes is evaluated. A revision by the state of the Medical Plan may place a heavier load on the Town in cases requiring hospitalization.

Mr. Herbert Crouch was reelected to the Board for a term of three years at the Town election of 1953.

Our Agent, Mrs. Dorothy S. Hartel, has maintained a high standard in the daily operation of the department and in the many relationships with other Municipal and State agencies. Many revisions are probable in the routine handling of cases in the coming year. The results of altered policies of new administrations at both State and Federal levels are reaching us and new aid legislation is under consideration. Future changes in regulations will require careful study to apply them most beneficially to our Town.

As a comparatively new function, the department is set up for the administration of long-term housing, care and financial aid to evacuees from areas devastated by enemy action. This activity is sponsored by the Civilian War Aid Division of the Civil Defense Agency and is under the direction of the State Department of Public Welfare. A survey of housing facilities in Weston has been made and tabulations are in our files.

Accompanying this report are the budget request for 1954, a schedule of Receipts and Disbursements for 1953 and a record of the 1953 Case Load.

CASE LOAD FOR 1953

Classification	Number of cases	Number of Individuals
Old Age Assistance		
January 1, 1953	28	28
Total Aided During Year	29	29
December 31, 1953	24	24
General Relief		
January 1, 1953	2	2
Total Aided During Year	6	11
December 31, 1953	2	6
Aid to Dependent Children		
January 1, 1953	2	6
Total Aided During Year	3	9
December 31, 1953	2	6
Disability Assistance		
January 1, 1953	2	2
Total Aided During Year	2	2
December 31, 1953	1	1

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS—1953

Classification	Total Disbursements	Receipts From Federal	Receipts From State	Receipts From Municipalities	Total Receipts	Net Cost To Weston
Administration						
Salaries						
Permanent Emp.	3,196.00					
Temporary Emp.	132.00					
Board Members	150.00					
Sal. Total	3,478.00					
Other Exp. Total	452.46					
Adm. Total	3,930.46	1,657.91	66.50		1,724.41	2,206.05
General Relief	2,411.10		96.00	72.00	168.00	2,243.10
Old Age Assistance	24,892.92	9,149.61	11,297.06	179.69	20,626.36	4,266.56
Aid to Dependent Children	2,192.69	1,026.85	482.10		1,508.95	683.74
Disability Assistance	1,052.25	806.68*	233.19*		1,039.87	12.38
Grand Total	34,479.42	12,641.05 (1)	12,174.85 (2)	251.69 (2)	25,067.59	9,411.83

(1) Credited to Welfare Dept. for reuse.

(2) Credited to General Town Funds. Not available to Welfare Dept. for reuse.

(*) These receipts are exceptionally large as they include the 12 reimbursements for 1953 plus 5 for 1952.

BUDGET REQUEST FOR 1954

	Anticipated Disbursement	Anticipated Federal Grant	Bal. Jan. 1, '54 Federal Grants	Total Grants and Balances	Budget Request
Salaries					
Administrative	3,650.00	1,296.49	203.51	1,500.00	2,150.00
Board	150.00	55.00		55.00	95.00
Administrative Expense	600.00	220.00		220.00	380.00
Aid Expense	40,500.00	15,504.72	720.28	16,225.00	24,275.00
Total	44,900.00	17,076.21	923.79	18,000.00	26,900.00

EXPLANATORY NOTES
ANTICIPATED DISTRIBUTION OF ABOVE AID EXPENSE

General Relief	3,500.00				3,500.00
Old Age Assistance	28,000.00	10,500.00	176.14	10,676.14	17,323.86
Aid to Dependent Children	5,500.00	2,554.72	79.60	2,634.32	2,865.68
Disability Assistance	3,500.00	2,450.00	464.54	2,914.54	585.46
Total Aid	40,500.00	15,504.72	720.28	16,225.00	24,275.00

Note. Reimbursements from State and other Municipalities not shown above. Those receipts are credited to General Town Funds and are not available to Welfare Department for reuse. For those amounts received, see "Receipts & Disbursements."

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

At the annual Town Meeting Mrs. Frances V. Marshall and Mrs. Mary C. Nichols were re-elected for three-year terms. The Committee, at its next meeting, elected Mr. Henry J. Burn chairman and Mrs. Nichols secretary.

Remedial reading instruction in the Elementary School was organized on a new basis in January, 1953. Formerly, Mrs. Ruth Beamish taught ten to twelve pupils from various grades full-time until it was felt that they were ready to return to a regular classroom. Under the new system pupils go to her for one-half hour of specific reading instruction each day, and take the rest of their work in their regular classrooms. Mrs. Beamish now works with thirty-one children and has a clearer picture of the reading program in the whole school, so that she can give special help and suggestions to the teachers of the pupils with whom she works. The new plan, originally experimental, has been working so much better it is being continued.

The teaching of arithmetic has been intensively studied during 1953 by the faculty Arithmetic Course of Study Committee, with Dr. Fred Weaver of Boston University as consultant. Content and methodology have been scrutinized from stem to stern in an effort to produce a course of study that is tailor-made for Weston's children. As the revision has progressed the committee has called in successively all the teachers in each grade to discuss with them the program for their grade. It is expected that the study will be completed during 1954.

The High School Library facility has continued to expand under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Tozier both in the number of books in the collection and in service rendered to the various departments. Higher circulation totals are reached each year. As an example, December circulation for the past three years is cited.

	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	1951	1952	1953
Fiction	149	242	451
Non-Fiction	97	152	251
Biography	21	36	36
Total	267	430	738

Probably the most interesting of the many fine book displays prepared for the lobby show case by the library student assistants last year was the assembled graduation pictures of faculty members and prominent townspeople featuring the titles of their two favorite books when they were in school. Many other techniques are used successfully to promote the reading of good books.

Music education continues to expand and improve under the able

leadership of Music Supervisor Wendell B. Phillips. One of the high points of the year was the spring concert, in which students from grade 3 to grade 12 participated. Elementary School pupils have shown marked improvement in singing, particularly in their ability to read songs at sight. The number of pupils in both schools studying band and orchestra instruments has grown from 113 to 170. Forty-two young violinists from the Elementary School are enrolled in Dr. George Bornoff's Saturday classes.

Many different music groups have furnished entertainment upon request during the year, principally the High School Band. Band uniforms were purchased near the end of the year following a successful drive initiated by the Parent Teacher Association and enthusiastically supported by many other town organizations.

The Mathematics Club, under the sponsorship of Miss Helen B. Green, culminated several very active and enthusiastic years during 1953 by exhibiting, in Atlantic City in April, projects made by the members, at the request of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Miss Green attended the conference, taking with her in addition to the models, copies of a catalog classifying them and giving the names and ages of the students who built them. The exhibit was so unique and so popular that in August it was displayed again by request at the New England Institute for Mathematics Teachers held at Colby College.

Practice teachers are regularly assigned to both schools by local colleges and universities, usually for one semester at a time. Mutual benefit is derived from this association, and occasionally we appoint to a regular position a student teacher who shows outstanding promise. This year we had 29 practice teachers from nine institutions: Emerson College, Fitchburg State Teachers College, Framingham State Teachers College, Harvard University, Massachusetts School of Art, Northeastern University, Regis College, Springfield College, and Wheelock College.

A School Census, taken each year in October by a special committee of the PTA, is an important service to the schools. State law requires an annual enumeration of all children of school age, partly for statistical purposes, and partly as a means of detecting children not enrolled in a school. But of more importance to Weston, the census provides the indispensable backbone of all enrollment projections, which permit the School Committee to plan wisely the expansion needs of the school system.

College Entrance Examination Board scores attained by our seniors this year were excellent. Average scores were substantially higher than last year in all tests except Intermediate Mathematics, in spite of the fact that average I. Q.'s and aptitudes were slightly lower. Comparative scores for the last four years are shown below, all rankings higher than 50 being above average.

**COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION BOARD SCORES
PERCENTILE RANKINGS**

National					
Achievement	Average	1950	1951	1952	1953
English	50	79	75	48	71
Social Studies	50	28	62	31	78
French	50	21	87	84	85
Latin	50	—	—	58	87
Physics	50	46	94	75	89
Advanced Math.	50	74	93	88	98.5
Intermediate Math.	50	20	—	92	71
Predictors					
Verbal Aptitude	50	50	85	58	55
Math. Aptitude	50	41	85	68	64
I.Q. (actual, not percentile)	100	109	130	124	122
No. of Students taking one or more tests —		14	9	18	20

The Human Relations Advisory Service has proved to be a valuable adjunct to our teaching and guidance program. Several boys and girls have benefited demonstrably by the operation of the service, but of more long-term significance is the judgment of the faculty that their day-to-day teaching jobs are made more effective by the psychiatric assistance available to their students through them. It is expected that a contract for a second year will be arranged with the Human Relations Service of Wellesley.

Coach John Proctor requested and was granted release from his duties as football coach effective June, 1954, to enable him to spend more time building up and supervising an intramural program for boys and girls who are interested in athletics but who do not wish to engage in varsity sports. Coach Proctor has coached many winning teams for Weston during the last 20 years and has helped to develop many fine boys. The School Committee is reluctant to lose his services as football coach, but knows that he will continue to contribute to our program of physical education.

The Salary Schedule for Teachers has not been published recently in a Town Report. During 1953 the schedule in effect was:

	Class I	Class II	Class III
	No Degree	Bachelor's Degree the equivalent	Master's Degree the equivalent
Minimum:			
Women	\$2600	\$2700	\$2800
Men	\$2800	\$2900	\$3000
Maximum:			
Women		\$4800	\$5000
Men		\$5200	\$5400

Tuition students from Lincoln are due to arrive in unusually large numbers in September, 1954, when Concord High School will be unable to accept any new students from Lincoln. Thirty-four Lincoln ninth graders will be admitted to Weston High School, in place of the usual ten or so. They will continue here until they graduate, even though the new Lincoln-Sudbury regional high school may be ready in September, 1956. If the new school will not be ready until 1957, Weston will accept one more full ninth grade class from Lincoln in 1955 and keep these students also until they graduate. Weston cannot do more than this without over-loading the High School or prematurely engaging in another building program. It can however quite neatly absorb these two successive waves without a serious program distortion, provided Lincoln does not precipitously withdraw all its tuition students when their new school is available. Assurance has been given by the Lincoln School Committee that all their students who enter Weston High School will remain until they graduate. The Town of Lincoln will pay tuition charges to Weston covering all expenses except administration, transportation, and capital outlay, as provided by law. Tuition receipts for 1954 are expected to be approximately \$17,880.

COSTS

Item	Spent			Budget	
	1951	1952	1953	1954	Increase
Salaries	\$215,928	\$244,876	\$271,430	\$307,034	\$35,604
Other Expenses	53,743	66,393	60,966	76,203	15,237
Transportation	20,646	25,765	31,111	33,900	2,789
Miscellaneous Items	6,121	5,485	4,893	5,642	749
Total	\$296,438	\$342,519	\$368,400	\$422,779	\$54,379
Cost per pupil in average membership in year ending					
in June	\$339	\$339	\$335	\$340 approx.	
Net cost per pupil after deducting receipts and credits (see below) ..					
	\$274	\$297	\$286		

RECEIPTS AND CREDITS

	1951	1952	1953
1. School Funds and State Aid for Public Schools in accordance with Chapter 70, General Laws ..	\$31,095.54	\$12,015.54	\$16,890.54
2. State reimbursement on account of transportation, Section 7A, Chapter 70 of the General Laws	15,153.46	17,256.16	24,415.74
3. Tuition	9,767.69	11,930.92	11,126.42

4. State reimbursement for tuition paid Vocational Schools	559.81	185.65	177.65
5. Miscellaneous			
Rental, telephone, lost and damaged books, etc.	586.49	634.61	769.45
TOTALS	\$57,162.99	\$42,022.88	\$53,379.80

STAFF

Fall, 1953

Name	Position	Year Appointed
Mr. Calvin E. Gross	Superintendent	1951
Mr. Julius H. Mueller, Jr.	Principal, High School	1945
Miss Dorothy A. Akey	Physical Education	1953
Miss Thelma R. Caram	Commercial Subjects	1951
Mr. Robert J. Carini	Geometry, Arithmetic	1946
Miss Elizabeth P. Cobb	Home Economics	1932
Mr. Charles K. Cummings, Jr.	Guidance Director, History	1942
Mr. Henry W. DeRusha	English	1948
Miss Helen B. Green	Mathematics	1916
Mr. John S. Huddleston	Social Studies	1949
Miss Elizabeth Hunter	English, History, Geography	1951
Miss Mildred L. Marble	Science, Geography	1930
Miss Eleanor J. Mastin	Latin	1950
Miss Claire C. McDonough	Social Studies	1951
Mr. Charles F. Medford	Mathematics	1947
Mr. Paul M. Mitchell	English	1952
Mr. Malcolm C. Oliver	Industrial Arts	1949
Miss Alice M. Olliff	Supervisor of Art	1949
Mrs. Elizabeth R. Payne	English	1952
Mr. Wendell B. Phillips	Supervisor of Music	1952
Mr. John S. Proctor	Physical Education	1934
Mr. Wallace W. Sawyer	Ass't. Principal, Science	1931
Mr. Aimo H. Teittinen	Industrial Arts	1939
Mrs. Virginia Tozier	Librarian	1951
Mr. Richard G. Young	Biology, Science	1953
Mrs. Theresa M. Zamprogno	French	1946
Mr. John W. Zorn	English	1940
Mr. Thomas H. McFarlin	Principal, Elementary School	1944
Mrs. Alma E. Andrews	Kindergarten	1942
Mrs. Gwenn B. Schuster	Kindergarten	1952
Mrs. Ruth S. Spicer	Kindergarten	1949
Miss Ann R. Carter	Grade 1	1953
Mrs. Catherine L. Devereaux	Grade 1	1948

Name	Position	Year Appointed
Miss Bettie Moffitt	Grade 1	1953
Mrs. Betty M. Price	Grade 1	1952
Mrs. Lucy D. Tinker	Grade 1	1929
Mrs. Dorothy P. Wysham	Grade 1	1953
Mrs. Doris C. Brown	Grade 2	1952
Mrs. Dorothy L. Mitchell	Grade 2	1953
Miss Charlotte J. Sharp	Grade 2	1953
Mrs. Jane D. Vienot	Grade 2	1952
Mrs. Sally E. White	Grade 2	1952
Miss Joan M. Higgins	Grade 3	1951
Miss Helen U. Kennedy	Grade 3	1948
Mrs. Therese M. Moore	Grade 3	1952
Miss Katherine A. O'Hearn	Grade 3	1948
Mrs. Adria M. Allen	Grade 4	1949
Mrs. Dorothy C. Grimstad	Grade 4	1952
Miss Barbara Mitchell	Grade 4	1948
Mrs. Eileen D. Pettie	Grade 4	1953
Miss Julia B. Cox	Grade 5	1953
Mr. George A. MacArthur	Grade 5	1952
Miss Florence Rowley	Grade 5	1938
Mr. Ronald P. Scott	Grade 5	1951
Mr. Laurence H. Bramhall	Grade 6	1951
Mrs. Marjorie O. Burrill	Grade 6	1945
Mrs. Lena C. McGann	Grade 6	1936
Mrs. Ruth S. Beamish	Remedial	1946
Mr. Robert W. Stårmer	Physical Education	1952
Miss Virginia Whitcomb	Physical Education	1953

Other Staff Members

Name	Position
Dr. David H. Reid	School Physician
Dr. Russell Rowe	School Dentist
Miss Catherine E. Richards	School Nurse
Mrs. Catherine A. Riley	Lunchroom Manager
Mrs. Anne E. Burke	Lunchroom Assistant
Mrs. Mary E. Hamill	Lunchroom Assistant
Mr. Erlon A. Merrill	Head Custodian
Mr. Thomas C. Clarke	Custodian
Mr. Donald R. Davison	Custodian
Mr. Martin J. Glynn	Custodian
Mr. William F. MacLeod	Custodian
Mr. Roy F. Wales	Custodian
Miss Elina M. Floridia	Secretary, Elementary School
Mrs. Helene J. Minsky	Secretary, High School
Mrs. F. Joye Roberts	Secretary
Miss Nancy Van Heest	Secretary, Superintendent's Office

SCHOOL CENSUS OCTOBER 1, 1953
Data gathered by Parent Teacher Association

	Ages 3-5		Ages 5-7		Ages 7-14		Ages 14-16		Age 16 and over		Totals
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Public School	6	11	127	122	339	326	59	55	46	29	1120
Private Schools	34	24	9	13	45	37	21	19	25	17	244
Institutions				1	1						2
Not in School	64	77	4		1						146
Totals	104	112	140	136	386	363	80	74	71	46	1512

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

1952-1953

	Elementary Including Kindergarten	Junior High	Senior High	Total
Pupils Enrolled				
Boys	380	125	84	589
Girls	368	102	76	546
Total	748	227	160	1135
Non-Resident Pupils	None	11	23	34
Aggregate Attendance	115,156	37,913	25,767	178,836
Average Daily Attendance	669	211	144	1024
Average Number of Days the Public Schools Were Actually in Session	172	180	179	175
Average Membership	731	220	150	1101

TUITION PUPILS—SEPTEMBER 1953

	Lincoln	Sudbury	Wayland	Totals
Grade 9	9	0	1	10
Grade 10	11	2	1	14
Grade 11	5	0	0	5
Grade 12	4	1	0	5
	29	3	2	34

This compares with 34 last year, 36 in 1951-52, 30 in 1950-51 and 22 in 1949-50.

The tuition rates in the High School for 1953-54 are \$300 for the 9th grade, and \$400 for grades 10 through 12.

Class of 1953

Graduation Exercises for the 42 members of the Class of 1953 were held at the Weston Town House on Friday Evening, June 12, 1953. The graduation theme selected by the class was "Life is Worth Living," and was carried out through two original essays and a short dramatic playlet, adapted especially for the occasion. Dr. Theodore B. Bayles of the School Committee presented the graduates with their diplomas. Those receiving diplomas were:

Paul Revere Allen, Jr.	Jill Claudia Kibbe
Theresa Maryann Argento	Jane Cooper Lawler
Elizabeth Ann Bigelow	David H. Linder
Llewellyn Barry Bigelow	*Jean Morron Loud
Joan Phyllis Bleasdale	Shirley Ellen MacDonald
Christopher Brayton	Jean Dennett Marshall
Barbara Ann Callahan	Priscilla Helen Mason
John Pickett Cheever	Patricia Janet Merrill
John Irving Connolly	Robert Carl Nielson
Robert Francis Cronin	Eunice Margaret Ogilvie
Mary Jane Cugini	Joanna Olson
Ronald Edson Darroch	Arthur Ladd Perry
Alfred Harold Dean, Jr.	#E. Alan Phillips
Elizabeth Beatrice Denton	John Preston Pooler
Carol Miriam Dunbar	Louise Campbell Reed
Carla Frost	Charles Stewart Smith
David P. F. Hess	Harry Donald Stewart, Jr.
Sarah Humphrey Hobbs	Kevin Graham Sullivan
Kent Hobby	James Newcomb Whitney
Eliza Braxton Horsley	**Carla Lybrand Wilson
Mary Alice Jacques	Emma Elizabeth Young

#First Honors

*Second Honors

**Third Honors

Like the preceding graduating class, the Class of 1953 had a large number of its members go on to further schooling. A follow-up study, conducted early in the fall, of the post graduation activities of the members of the class, revealed that thirty-one, (75%) are continuing their education. Of the number continuing their education, 19 (61%) are currently enrolled in 13 different four-year degree granting institutions. The colleges represented and the number attending from the Class of 1953 are: Bowdoin, 3; Colby, 2; Haverford, 2; M.I.T., 2; Smith, 2; and one each at Bates, Bard, Boston University, Harvard, Hood, Lake Erie Princeton, and Radcliffe. The following table summarizes the post-graduation activities of the 42 members of the Class of 1953:

Attending College	19
Attending Junior College	5

Attending Secretarial School	4
Nurses Training	1
Special Schools	2
In Armed Services	2
Working	9

At the annual Class Day Exercises the Class of 1953 presented a 16 mm. motion picture camera as their gift to the school. This gift has already been put to good use this past football season in filming two games, including the annual Weston-Wayland classic. The Class also gave a sum of money to the Weston War Memorial Educational Fund.

Scholarships and Prizes

The various scholarships and prizes awarded to individuals in the Class of 1953 and which were announced at the Graduation Exercises were as follows:

The Women's Community League of Weston Scholarships were presented to: Mary Jane Cugini, now attending Pierce Secretarial School; Shirley Ellen MacDonald, a first year student at Boston University College of Liberal Arts; and, Carla Lybrand Wilson who is in her Freshman year at Smith College.

The Charles J. Paine Scholarship was awarded to John Irving Connolly, who is now in his Freshman year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Scholarships from the Horace S. Sears Scholarship Fund were awarded to the following: Robert Mosher, 1952 in his Sophomore year at Brown University; Julius H. Mueller, III, 1951, a Junior at Bates College; and, John M. Storey, Jr., now in his Sophomore year at Boston University General College.

Weston Boosters Club scholarships were awarded to Frank L. Jacques, Jr., 1948; Robert Allen Mosher, 1952; and Julius H. Mueller, III, 1951.

The Women's Community League of Weston Special Prize Award of \$100 to the girl in the graduating class who by virtue of outstanding leadership, character, and scholastic achievement has contributed the most to her class, was presented to Carla Lybrand Wilson, 1953.

The Weston Post #214 American Legion Prize of \$10 for the best examination on the Constitution of the United States was presented to David P. F. Hess, 1953.

The Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Certificate was presented to Mary Jane Cugini, 1953.

The Theodore Chandler Memorial Awards given annually by the Weston Boosters Club to the boy and the girl in the graduating class who exemplify to the highest degree the three qualities of athletic ability, scholarship, and school spirit, were presented to Jean Dennett Marshall, 1953 and Arthur Ladd Perry, 1953.

Two special educational awards of \$100 each were offered for the first time this year by the Weston Post #214 American Legion. Persons eligible to receive these awards include members of the graduating class and former graduates, with the final selection being based on the individual's school service, character, worthiness, and scholarship. This year these awards were made to Patricia Janet Merrill, 1953, who is continuing her education at Westbrook Junior College, and Frank L. Jacques, Jr., 1948, who is now in his final year at the University of Massachusetts.

The Weston High School Alumni Award, given annually to the highest ranking member of the graduating class was presented to E. Alan Phillips, 1953.

Winners of the 1953 Sears Essay Contest held annually in accordance with the will of Horace S. Sears were as follows:

First PrizeJames Newcomb Whitney, '53

Second PrizeRonald Edson Darroch, '53

Third PrizesJean Morron Loud, '53
 Jean Dennett Marshall, '53
 Kevin Graham Sullivan, '53

The topic of the 1953 Essay was "Is it in the Interest of the United States to Participate in World Organization?", and was previously studied by all seniors in connection with a six weeks unit of work in Senior English and Modern Problems.

The Harvard Prize Book, presented annually by the Harvard Club of Boston to the boy in the Junior Class who exemplifies outstanding qualities of scholarship and character as voted by classmates and members of the faculty, was awarded to Charles Bryan Smith, 1954.

Special Award

The Town was particularly proud this year of the achievement of E. Alan Phillips, a senior residing in Lincoln, in winning the 1953 Westinghouse Science Talent Search. In addition to the \$2800 prize which came to him as national winner, Alan was given a handsomely engraved plaque by the student body, acting through the Student Council, in appreciation of the high honor which he had won for himself and for the school.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING

The Town appropriated the sum of \$1,050,000 toward the building and equipping of a new Elementary School at a Special Town Meeting on December 15, 1952. Following that meeting, the School Building Committee concentrated on those phases of the tentative plan which had evoked constructive criticism. By early February of 1953, the Committee decided to make certain changes in the basic plan. The more major of these changes were the double loading of the corridors, the elimination of the controversial covered play area, and the more central re-location of the heating plant. The architect transformed these changes into several new sketches and by the end of February, after approval by the Selectmen and members of the Finance and School Committees, the plan was set and the architect was instructed to prepare detailed working drawings and specifications.

Many details of the physical plan, including classroom size and layout, chalk boards, clothing containers, equipment, etc., were reviewed at length with a Teachers' Committee consisting of Mrs. Betty Price (Grade One), Mrs. Sally Eaton White (Grade Two), Miss Helen Kennedy (Grade Three), Mrs. Elizabeth Forrester (Grade Four), Mr. Ronald Scott (Grade Five), and Mr. Laurence Bramhall (Grade Six). Many valuable ideas were suggested by this Committee, both before and after the design was settled.

In February, Mr. Herbert W. Weber resigned from the School Building Committee because of his move to Kingston. The Moderator appointed Mr. James S. Turner, 206 Conant Road, to fill the vacancy.

At the annual Town Meeting in March, an additional \$60,000 was voted toward the construction and equipping of the new school. This brought the total amount appropriated at the two Town Meetings to \$1,110,000, the amount estimated for the entire job. The extra \$60,000 was voted separately because the majority of it technically had to be voted in 1953 in order to be included in the 1953 tax levy. Further, approximately \$18,000 was transferred from the new High School Building Committee funds, which amount was not definitely known to be available at the time of the first Town Meeting.

Because of the steady rise in interest rates, the Board of Selectmen decided to borrow the money for the proposed school in June even though the first payment would not be due the contractor until October. The total amount borrowed was \$1,030,000, to extend for a period of fifteen years, bearing an interest rate of 2.2%. In accordance with the provisions of the law, 80% of this amount was invested at once in Government securities. Details of these transactions will be found in the report of the Town Treasurer.

The architect completed his working drawings and specifications by early June and the job was advertised beginning June 22. Bids were received from sixteen general contractors and from fifty-two sub-contractors. These bids were opened on July 15. After considerable discussion and investigation, the general contract was awarded to the low bidder, J. A. Singarella Company of Dorchester. The contract price, adjusted to permit substitution of certain sub-contractors, was \$944,641.31.

The School Building Committee interviewed more than a dozen applicants for the position of Clerk of Works. Mr. Joseph P. Tulis, formerly a resident of Weston, was hired for this position as of August 1.

Work on the new school actually began on August 11 when a crew of men moved in to clear the trees and brush from the site. Since that time, work has proceeded without undue delay. As of the end of the year, the footing and flooring are complete in the North wing and approximately half completed in the South wing.

^FIn May, a contest was held for the purpose of naming the new school. One hundred thirty suggestions were received. Judges were Mrs. James Robbins, representing the School Building Committee, Mr. William R. Dewey, representing the Board of Selectmen, and Mr. Howard Gambrell, representing the School Committee. Judith Silin, Doublet Hill Road, a student in Grade Five, was declared the winner for suggesting "The Country School."

In December, the committee advertised for the work of cleaning out the drainage ditch which removes much of the surface water from the site and takes it to the state-owned culvert underneath the bypass. Greenough Brothers, Inc., of Waltham was low bidder and was awarded the contract. The amount was for a lump sum of \$1900 plus \$15 per cubic yard for removal of rock. It is expected that this work will lower the water table four to six inches, especially in the area of the North wing. This work will tie in with the Town's overall mosquito control program. State authorities have indicated willingness to clean out the culvert into which water from the school site drains and the Selectmen have agreed to recommend the appropriation of funds to clean out the drainage ditch below the state-owned culvert.

REPORT OF THE WESTON WAR MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

By vote at the 1953 annual town meeting provision was made for the establishment of a town trust fund to be called the Weston War Memorial Educational Fund and to be a memorial of citizens of Weston who served in the Armed Forces in all wars. The purpose of the fund is "to assist and advance the post-secondary education of

graduates of the Weston High School." The application of available income of the fund to that purpose rests in the discretion of a permanent educational fund committee of five citizens appointed by the moderator. The committee may direct the addition of income to the principal amount of the fund.

The fund has been established by gifts to the Town amounting to \$1,649.34. Further gifts are the only source for the enlargement of the fund. Anyone wishing to make a gift should communicate with the secretary of the committee.

Libraries

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The usefulness and popularity of the library were again attested in 1953 by substantial increases in the circulation of books in both the adult department and the children's department and in the number of borrowers in both departments; also by the fact that the circulation of music records from our collection, which was started some two years ago, nearly doubled.

During the year many new books were added by purchase and gift, and many old books discarded. The total number now stands at about 38,000. We wish to point out again that books not owned by the library can usually be obtained for patrons from other libraries through the inter-library loan service. Many books were so obtained in 1953, and our library in turn loaned books to several neighboring libraries.

The library also took part in library affairs beyond the purely local field. It served as host for meetings of the children's librarians in this region, the Pioneer Club consisting of the head librarians of some 25 small libraries, and the Charles River Library Club consisting of all the staff members of many libraries in the vicinity of the Charles River. At the suggestion of the Director of the Division of Library Extension, two librarians from Germany touring in this country under the auspices of the State Department visited our library as a good example of a small library run on modern lines with a suitable budget. The librarian and assistant librarian attended all meetings of the Massachusetts Library Association held during the year. The trustees participated in the activities of the recently formed Massachusetts Library Trustees Association.

In the children's department, a close relation with the schools through lending books to them and conducting classes at the library for school children continued as in previous years. We are greatly

indebted to the school staff for their cooperation. Besides the regular work of the children's department, there were three occasions of story telling, a musical program on one occasion, a summer reading club, and a book contest and exhibits during book week.

In 1953 the schedule of hours when the library was open was revised in the interest of better service by adding Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning openings in the adult department, making the total weekly hours for that department 56½, and by adding morning openings in the children's department during the summer.

The principal item in connection with the physical plant was the installation of a new boiler (replacing the original boiler installed when the building was erected more than fifty years ago) and a new oil burner, together with sundry incidental improvements in the heating system. Some new window shades and new screen doors were also installed, and work on the trees around the building was done. Equipment acquired included a new librarian's desk and chair, cases for the music record collections, a large floor fan, and other items.

During the year Miss Dorothy Brewer, the assistant in the children's department, resigned, and Miss Mosher, the children's librarian, has since been assisted by Mrs. Hazel Upham and Mrs. Arlene Ogilvie. Early in 1954 Miss Grace Taylor resigned her position as assistant librarian and cataloguer. In her place we have appointed Mrs. Charlotte McConaghy, who was already on the staff in a part-time capacity.

The removal of Mrs. Kathleen Anthony from Weston in the summer of 1953 deprived the library of her able and faithful services as a trustee. She had been a member of the board since 1950. To fill the vacancy the other trustees and the selectmen appointed Mrs. Marjory Blaney to serve until the next annual election.

We again take this occasion to express our appreciation of and thanks for the fine work of all the members of the staff during the year.

Recreation

RECREATION COMMISSION REPORT

The year 1953 in recreation continued the customary program patterns but was notable because of the tremendous increase in numbers participating in the varied activities. This important factor reaffirms the Commission's policy of planning now for the expansion of recreation areas and facilities.

Commission — Mr. Harry C. Crawford Jr. and Mr. Parker Williams were re-elected at the Annual Town Meeting. At a subsequent organization meeting the following officers were re-elected — Chairman, Mr.

Karl Adams Jr.; Vice-Chairman Mr. Harold A. Mosher; Treasurer, Mr. Harry C. Crawford Jr.; and Seceretary, Mrs. Miriam W. Hutchinson. *Pool*— With the exception of draining, cleaning and some additional sand there were no major physical improvements and the pool opened a most successful eleven week season on June 23rd. There were 2,263 permits issued and over 28,000 total admissions. Mr. John S. Proctor, Director for all Recreation activities the year round, was fortunate in again securing a most competent and conscientious staff. Mr. Robert Starmer, as Pool Supervisor, was assisted by Mr. Hugh Chandler, the Red Cross Instructor, Mr. Frank Jacques, Mr. Arthur Perry, Miss Emily Spencer and Miss Helen Green as life guards. Mrs. Thomas Clarke served as Clerk—this was a new position but a most valuable one, for it relieved the guards of checking, selling badges and guest tickets. The enrollment in the classes was unusually heavy and they were very well attended in spite of the long periods of cool weather which discouraged many of the casual bathers. A total of ninety-five persons passed some phase of the Red Cross program—the highest since 1933.

Health and Safety— Due to strict enforcement, the safety rules are now well established and the children safety conscious themselves. The chain along the cement dock was a successful precaution in preventing accidents from running jumps.

The weekly tests taken by the Board of Health and posted on the Bulletin Board, though possibly a bit difficult for the layman to understand, confirmed the unquestionable purity of the water.

The gift by the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary of two picnic tables and benches was an important contribution to the cleanliness of the beaches, even though the picnic site is not at present the grassy spot we visualize in the future.

Special Events— The season closed with "Race Day" in place of the Water Carnival of previous years. The entire group of all ages were divided into two teams—the Sharks and the Whales. This team competition encouraged even the most reticent to take part in the many racing events making it a gala day for every one. The winning team was rewarded with a Rotary Club watermelon.

Summer Playground— The success of the playground season was evident by the doubling of attendance—a total of 4,868 with an average of 122 children daily. Boys activities were under the direction of Mr. George A. MacArthur, assisted by Mr. John Ferries. The girls program was again in charge of Miss Alice Rinehart with the aid of Miss Lucy Boyd. The schedules were flexible and varied offering the familiar elementary crafts, sports and group games. Tether ball, baseball, soft ball, croquet, kick ball and archery were the most popular. In every case children divided into groups according to age interest and ability.

A Field day was held every Friday afternoon and both boys and girls participated in some competitive activity for the ever popular Rotary Club's watermelons.

The playground fielded three teams—a girls softball, a junior boys baseball, and a senior boys baseball team. All teams were members of a Playground Baseball League and played games with Lincoln, Lexington, Concord and Woburn. These games, however, were not so popular as in the past and it may be advisable to drop out of the League.

Stagemobile— As an added attraction the Boston Children's Theater was engaged to bring out their Stagemobile and put on two plays, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Over 500 people attended the Performances of "Jack in the Beanstalk", "Papa Pompino and the Prizefighter" which were excellently done and thoroughly enjoyed by both children and their parents.

Shop— The eight-week handcraft (advanced crafts) program, held in the High School shop under the guidance of Mr. Malcolm Oliver served more children than ever before. There were consistently thirty to forty children, varying in age from 6 to 16, present every afternoon. These numbers were far too many to care for adequately and the Commission is giving careful consideration to more satisfactory ways of meeting this problem in the next year.

Field Day— The summer closed with the annual Playground Big Field Day. Over 250 children with their parents and friends attended. The day opened with a Pet and Hobby Show and ended with a mixture of contests. Championship matches were run off, numerous races, baseball and volley ball games were all exciting; but the finale—the Boosters Club event—was the most important—"the ice cream and coke rush."

Case House— The Wednesday night movies continued to draw record record crowds and at the Friday Teen-age Open House, programs, 25 to 50 young people dropped in each night for games dancing and refreshments.

Fall-Winter-Spring— The Saturday morning sports program for all boys continued through the year with soccer, football, basketball and baseball in their respective seasons. Adult basketball on the winter Tuesday nights proved as popular as usual. A woodcraft course for adults was initiated into the winter program. Mr. Tatenum supervised the ten-week project which was held weekly in the High School shop. Members supplied their own material, used the big power machines, and made everything from necktie racks to boats.

Skating— Weather does little to promote long periods of skating. There were, however, a few days when the ice on the pool was safe

enough to permit opening the gates. The small shallow pond, originally designated for a skating area, was in use quite frequently.

Conclusion

Your Commission was able to return to the Town approximately two thousand dollars which were receipts from sale of badges, guest admissions or renewals at the pool, plus what was received from the sale of crafts materials. Also, the additional amount of approximately fourteen hundred dollars was returned from our appropriations, making a total reduction in the cost of Recreation of approximately thirty-four hundred dollars. Much of this saving resulted through the use of Town equipment and personnel from the Highway Department, and it is possible that additional savings might be obtained in the future for this type of work if the Highway Department should obtain additional equipment.

A study is being made on a filtering system which might decrease the amount of the algae in the water; and should a suitable system be devised, we will doubtless pass it on to the Town for approval.

It appears that our facilities for skating will be curtailed through the development of play areas for the new elementary school.

Our most important project which we are engaged in at the present time is to arouse the Town on the importance of setting aside playground areas — *now* — before it is too late. Articles on this subject have and will appear in the TOWN REPORTER in order to familiarize all those in the Town with the problems involved. We have taken a step in carrying out part of this program through the development of the White Lane property which is now ready for seeding in the spring and will be used for a general play area when the ground is ready.

WESTON MEMORIAL POOL SUMMER — 1953

PEOPLE PASSED IN RED CROSS CLASSES

I. Beginners — 44 passed

Al Arioli	Susan Dammin	Molly Herrick
Geoffrey Bartlett	Barbara Desrosier	Ted Herrick
Hannelle Baker	Veronica Duffy	Erik Hoagland
Barry Braender	Robert Dwyer	Nancy Kelly
Beth Brown	Gail Garland	Ranny Langenbach
Jane Brown	Nancy Garland	Marie Larsen
Theodore Chandler, III	Mary Lou Gowell	Robert Lord
Martha Chisholm	Peter Grey	Joan Pannell
David Connolly	Robert Hamill	Sarah Perry
Joan Currier	Carol Hayes	Julie Pollock

Marsha Rennie	Rita Sanders	Robert Walker
Jennifer Robbins	Hugh Stockmayer	Tommy White
Jonathon Robbins	Sandra Stoffel	Richard Wigginton
Myra Rodeheaver	Susan Thomas	Stephanie Young
Thomas Rodeheaver	Marjorie Toppan	

II. *Intermediates* — 29 *passed*

Joanna Bartlett	Jane Henderson	Jennifer Robbins
George Buckminster	Johanna Hoagland	Joanne Shinnick
Alex Corman	Tommy Kelly	Nancy Sidebotham
Karen Crowe	John Little	Fred Stoffel
Lois Douglas	John Lord	Marjorie Toppan
Peter Duffy	Celia Melone	Robert Walsh
Thomas Duffy	Brendon Minihan	Edith Wypler
Rowley Elliston	Jeffrey Perrine	Jane Wypler
Nancy Garland	Sarah Perry	Stephanie Young
Joan Harding	Julie Pollock	

III. *Swimmers* — 11 *passed*

Joanna Bartlett	Robert Hutchinson	Kevin Minihan
Carol Craven	Carlos Kellogg	Deborah Toppan
Vincent Hoagland	Thomas Kelly	Barbara Wyman
Allison Hower	Celia Melone	

IV. *Advanced Swimmers* — 4 *passed*

Nancy Foster	Jean Havey	Joan Havey
	Judy Nilan	

V. *Junior Life Saving* — 5 *passed*

Sally Ayers	Nancy Foster	Judy Nilan
James Rich	Vincent Hoagland	

VI. *Senior Life Saving* — 1 *passed*

Patricia Merrill

Total passed in Program — 95 persons.

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

The normal work of the Park Department continued without major change during the past year. As usual, a lengthy drought always points up the importance of watering the younger trees and shrubs, and last fall was no exception. The dancing on the green in June was again welcomed and caused no damage whatsoever to the turf. A new Bean 5-gallon power sprayer was bought so that our own workmen themselves could spray the small amounts of poison ivy remaining in the parks at the proper time. This is an unusually small and effective unit, can be carried in the trunk of any car, and operated and carried by one man easily to any place regardless of how steep the bank or thick the brush may be. In the past this work has been let out on contract but the spraying was frequently not done at the best time to obtain the largest kill. This small piece of equipment should help us to more effectively eradicate this pest permanently.

A small amount of necessary pruning was done this fall to some of the younger trees and shrubs in order to shape them properly for more mature growth. Such pruning must not be let go too long, or the plants will grow quickly out of shape. The planting in the Children's Park is beginning to make a most colorful and interesting show in the spring and again in the fall, and will fast become a beautiful reminder of Weston's country atmosphere to the thousands of travelers who are continually passing through our town on the Boston Post Road.

Unclassified

REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet". And the Jones House is now called The Jones House, instead of, as in former times, The Jones Tavern. Quite right, too, we suppose. After all, Weston is a dry town.

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As was recorded here a year ago, a new school is going up in Weston — and so, undoubtedly, is the tax rate. The school? Elementary, my dear Watson!

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The Toll Road has been discussed *ad infinitum*, and it looks as though the route finally selected is exactly what Weston doesn't want. However, in view of the fact that two of the Town Historian's Reports were quoted by the Authority Chairman in his arguments for the present route, we quickly refrain from further comment.

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Nature Notes: The weatherwise (?) are talking about the warming climate of New England. Water in the Gulf of Maine is one degree

warmer than in 1900 or thereabouts. Other signs point to a more temperate average temperature in the future. And this may be one reason for the presence of unfamiliar fauna in Weston. Several years ago we reported that a mockingbird had taken up year-round residence here. More recently a sharp-tailed grouse was seen. Also observed last fall was an ermine—complete in white coat, and with the identifying black tip on the tail which distinguishes it from the common weasel. The Town Historian would welcome news of other unusual critters seen in Weston (four-footed or feathered ones, that is) for inclusion in future reports. Address 70 Conant Road, Weston 93.

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On Thursday, October 22, Weston celebrated the eighth anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter. Twenty-four foreign students from twenty countries were guests for the occasion, which was held at the High School. All Town organizations were represented and the principal speaker was Mr. William Frye, United Nations correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor.

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Without comment, we present a curious fact—leaving it for wiser heads than ours to justify, excuse or explain. During the entire twelve months of 1953, for the first time in years, not a single Special Town Meeting was called in Weston!

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Late in 1953 Weston lost one of its oldest citizens and best friends, when Edward P. Ripley died in his eighty-second year. On his retirement, March 31, 1953, Mr. Ripley had rounded out 50 years of service to the Town. He had served as Overseer of the Poor; Moth Superintendent; Forest Warden; Tree Warden; Measurer of Lumber; Wartime Fuel Administrator; Water Commissioner for 21 years; and Assessor for 31 years, most of them as Chairman of the Board. Few towns can boast a citizen who gave such long and loyal service to its welfare and progress. All Weston salutes the memory of Mr. Ripley.

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What with Iron Curtains, Bamboo Curtains, and all the world tensions and problems that go with them, it is heartening to realize that here, in our Town of Weston, there is a curtain that can be opened or closed by simply hauling on a rope. We mean, of course, the curtain of the stage at the Town House. Anybody who weighs over five pounds can operate it. It has highlighted the pleasure of many groups, and has been a symbol not only of community fun but of community benefit also. In April, 1953, for example, the curtain was opened—and closed—on the First Parish Friendly Society Musical Show—"Never Walk Alone"—which resulted in a check for a little over \$2,000.00 being sent to the Waltham Hospital—by far the biggest ever from Friendly Musicals!

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The Women's Community League of Weston did it again—that is, held its fifth annual Dancing On The Green party—on a June evening. As always, it meant great fun for the dancers and spectators of Weston and surrounding towns.

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Weston now boasts a fine new Town garage. It's located on the Post Road By-Pass, and it allows the Town's rolling stock to be centralized for storage and service. Abandoned, now, are the old garages on Newton Street and Golden Ball Road and at Kendal Green.

The new building, completed last July has space for two repair stalls and seven stalls for housing trucks, street cleaners, bulldozers and other mechanized equipment.

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The Republic of France honored the Honorary Chairman and guiding genius of the Weston-Rombas Affiliation Committee in the spring of 1953, when it decorated Mr. Henry M. Fiske with the Medaille de la Reconnaissance Francaise, for his efforts in furthering the cultural relations between our countries.

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Notes on sports: During 1953 the Weston Badminton Club celebrated its 20th year of activity; The Cat Rock Ski Club continued to make skiing—complete with tow—available to all Weston residents at low cost; and Pigeon Hill Road was closed to Traffic during periods of snow—open only to children with sleds or other sliders.

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It was a green Christmas and an equally green New Year's—but with a threat of real winter to come.

So ends the year.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Annual Meeting of the Historical Committee was held on December 26, 1953 in our new rooms at the Jones House. All members were present. Thanks to Mr. Charles O. Richardson's generosity, we were able to get the rooms in order in the original tavern which was built in 1757. The front room has been assigned to the collection of memorials of the First Parish in Weston. Mr. Hanson brought out the original Communion silver from the Museum of Fine Arts for a meeting of the Benevolent Alliance held in the house, and the Committee rooms were opened for the occasion. The silver was displayed in the original cupboard which stood in the first church built in 1722.

The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities sent out Mr. Luquer, one of its staff, to help us get the collection in order, and we think it looks extremely well.

REPORT OF THE WESTON-ROMBAS AFFILIATION COMMITTEE

The Committee has concentrated its effort during the past year on the maintenance and furtherance of the spirit of international, inter-town good-will through correspondence. It learned that, to our friends in Rombas, letters with discussions of personal ideas, descriptions and accounts of life in this country, and specifically in Weston, were far more important than material gifts. Members of the Committee, students in the Elementary and High School, Cambridge School, Regis College, and some, though not many residents of the Town, have corresponded with boys and girls, men and women in Rombas. Many friendly greetings have been exchanged at Easter and Christmas time by school pupils.

The year saw a change in the personnel of both the Weston and Rombas Committees. M. Léon Crombez who, with his wife Mme. Crombez, had been most active in Rombas, in promoting to the fullest extent everything best in the activities of the two Committees, felt in June that he must retire as chairman. For a time, there was a period when communications from Rombas seemed to stop, but just prior to Christmas a re-organization of the Committee was completed, and it now appears to be eager to carry on with renewed vigor. M. Bronner, Principal of the Collège de Rombas, has assumed the chairmanship.

Mr. Henry M. Fiske, guiding spirit of the Weston Committee for three and a half years felt that, as his term of membership expired in June, he should for the good of the work no longer be considered for reappointment. It was unanimously voted by the Committee that he should be named unofficial Honorary Chairman of the Weston Affiliation, and as such he has continued his warm support and interest. The Committee greatly regretted to have Mr. Julius H. Mueller, Jr. retire as an active member. However, Mr. Mueller still gives generously of his time and advice in promoting the interests of the Affiliation.

Monthly meetings of the Committee have been held at the home of Mr. Fiske during the winter, spring and fall months. These have been attended by representatives of the High School, Regis College and the Cambridge School. Reports of activities have been made and plans for the future projected at these meetings.

On May 20 Mr. Fiske was decorated by the French Government with the *Medaille de la Reconnaissance Française*. The ceremony took place at the French Consulate in Boston and was attended by several of Mr. Fiske's friends and by members of the Affiliation Committee. It was fitting that Mr. Fiske should receive this award as an expression

of the appreciation of the French Government for his achievements and, through him, for those of the Weston-Rombas Affiliation Committee in the field of French-American relations.

A very attractive and informative display of Affiliation activities was arranged by Mrs. Francis G. Shepard for United Nations Week and was shown in one of the town store windows. It received an Award of Merit from the League of Women Voters.

The sincere thanks of the Committee go to all of those who once again made the Christmas card project such an outstanding success. The Elementary School, the High School, Cambridge School, Meadowbrook School and Regis College all took a most active part in the sale of the very attractive cards which were designed by Regis and High School girls, with greetings by a Regis College student. Shops, churches and organizations of the town helped with the sale of cards as did also good friends of the Committee in Boston.

A special bulletin containing copies of correspondence with Rombas was, through the courtesy of Mr. Everett M. Studley, produced and distributed in March throughout the town. Copies of correspondence with Rombas have also been placed regularly on the bulletin board in the Library.

The plan to bring to Weston for the present school year a young student from Rombas had to be abandoned because there was no suitable candidate available. Now, however, with the reorganization of the Rombas Committee, Mr. Bronner has assured the Weston Committee that there will be someone chosen from the students at the Collège for the school year 1954-55, a boy or girl sixteen or seventeen years of age, who will follow the Junior Year Course of the High School. The Committees are working through the American Field Service to complete arrangements, and the project will be financed by the Weston Affiliation. Some family in Weston would be fortunate to have such an ambassador of good will living with them, but that family must be forthcoming before arrangements can be completed.

The Committee urges many more residents of the town to take an interest and participate in the affairs of the Affiliation and to carry on correspondence with friends in Rombas. The rewards in so doing are great in terms of French-American understanding and friendship.

REPORT OF THE WESTON TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Appointed April 14, 1953

Note: Documents referred to in this report are on file in the Town Clerk's office, but are not reproduced here.

The Town Forest Committee, appointed by the Moderator April 14, 1953, in accordance with a vote at the last town meeting "to make an investigation of the matter of a town forest and to make a report to the Town not later than February 1, 1954", has made an investigation of the possibilities of a town forest in Weston. According to the tercentenary edition of the General Laws (see Bulletin #171 of the Massachusetts Forest and Park Association accompanying this report) towns may acquire by purchase, gift or bequest, lands for the purpose of forestation and may reclaim and plant such lands. A town, by a two-thirds vote at an annual meeting may determine to take or purchase lands within its limits, which shall be a public domain, and may appropriate money and accept gifts of money and land therefore. Such public domain shall be devoted to the culture of forest trees, or to the preservation of the water supply of such city or town, and the title thereto shall vest in the city or town in which it lies. The management and care of that portion of the public domain known as the town forest, shall be in charge of a special town forest committee of three members, appointed by the selectmen, to serve without compensation.

Any city or town owning a public domain, may lease any buildings thereon, and it may erect thereon any building for public instruction and recreation.

Cities and towns may incur debt within the limit of indebtedness, for acquiring land for public parks and playgrounds or town forests, payable within thirty years; but no indebtedness incurred for public domain shall exceed one-half of one percent of the last preceding assessed valuation of the city or town. These, in brief, are a summary of some of the laws pertaining to town forests and explain how they may be obtained.

The Weston Town Forest Committee, at its inception, was given a preliminary report of the town forest possibilities in Weston, made by Harrison Ripley, Forester of the New England Forestry Foundation. It investigated and discussed the possibilities of the eight tracts of land mentioned in that report. The committee also sent questionnaires to fourteen towns in this area of about the same size as Weston, which have town forests, in an attempt to learn how satisfactorily they were operating. Replies were received from Concord, Groton, Natick, Canton, Dedham, Reading and Hopkinton. Wellesley is in much the same situa-

tion as Weston, for it is considering a town forest at present. The towns replying to this questionnaire have had town forests in operation for varying amounts of time. (See Bulletin #171). A brief summary of these seven replies to our requests for specific information indicates:—

1. The main purposes of these town forests are for recreation and to "preserve a country atmosphere".

2. These forests are all located in rural sections where the value of the land acquired (either by gift or purchase) was \$10. to \$50. per acre.

3. The annual cost is from 0 to \$600. per forest.

4. The annual income is negligible except for Groton which is a special case, reporting an annual income of \$363. Three towns felt the annual income was increasing.

5. Five towns suggested it might be advisable for other towns to acquire town forests, one advised against it, one was doubtful.

The enclosed Bulletin #171 of the Massachusetts Forest and Park Association gives further details about these forests as well as about 150 others in Massachusetts. After a study of these replies concerning the experiences of other towns, it would appear that, since there is no watershed problem in Weston at the present, a town forest would serve both as a recreational area and to lend a "country atmosphere" to the Town. The usual practice, after the land has been acquired, seems to be to provide a small annual outlay — possibly \$500. — for certain silvicultural activities like the carefully planned cutting of certain trees for lumber and pulp, some thinning and weeding and the planting of a certain number of seedlings each year. Paths are cleared for lumbering and fire protection but no attempt is made to convert the woods into a park, although a small area is usually developed for picnicing. The forest as a whole is open only to supervised groups.

The Weston committee agreed that to be most practical, any proposed town forest should be in one parcel and contain at least 100 acres, although there was the possibility that several smaller parcels might be considered for various reasons. After investigating the eight suggested parcels of land, (See preliminary report by Harrison Ripley a copy of which is included with this report) it was agreed that the land in the "Jericho" region (See map attached to this

report) was the best and possibly the only area that would lend itself as a town forest. This land is located north of the Boston and Maine Railroad, and is between the Wayland line and Concord and Sudbury Roads. It comprises approximately 400 acres of land. After this decision was reached, the committee commissioned Mr. Ripley to make a detailed survey of this area, which he did, and for which the Town paid the New England Forestry Foundation \$363.06. This survey is attached to this report.

In summarizing his report, Mr. Ripley said "Although Jericho is not completely covered with virgin timber, it does have some handsome specimen trees, both hardwood and softwood. It has excellent diversification of timber and considerably more timber to start with than many of the town forests in Massachusetts. The latent possibilities of these 400 wild acres in an area which is so rapidly losing its rural atmosphere, recommend them highly to serve the multiple purposes of a town forest".

The land under consideration is assessed at from about \$40. to \$200. per acre, with the highest assessments on the perimeter of the area. A few of the land owners were approached by the committee and while they expressed an interest in the project, nothing definite can be stated at this time regarding the cost to the town of acquiring all or part of this tract. The Recreation Commission and the School Committee have plans which do not at present involve land in this area.

The exact wishes of the townspeople can not be foretold. However, in considering a town forest of 100 acres or more in the Jericho area, the townspeople should consider the following facts:

1. It will cost about \$2.50 per acre annually to properly maintain. This is based on a plan for minimum work to the present woods. It will cost about \$8. per acre to thin and prune this area in the accepted way. This need be done only twice in a ten year period, after which it may not need further weeding. It is also advisable to contemplate the spending of about \$100. annually, (more in some years, less in others) per each 100 acre plot for clearing paths or roads through the area for fire protection.

2. No real income can be expected from this tract for nearly 50 years. On the average, it could be considered to produce \$100. worth of wood per year per 100 acre tract. In his report, Mr. Ripley has carefully pointed out the estimated inventory in this 400 acre tract of timber, at present \$8,080., fifteen years from now \$9,072., and thirty years from now \$11,132., but this is the *total* inventory figure, or the

amount of income that will be expected from the sale of all the saleable trees in the area. Such a cutting would not be good forest practice.

3. It would afford a natural setting for Girl and Boy Scout activities and those of other organized groups of young people interested in nature, and outdoor recreation who could also contribute their energies to the maintenance and possibly reduce the figure mentioned above.

4. If the citizens of the Town desire a town forest, there is no time like the present to get about the business of acquiring one, before available areas are all "built-up".

5. Many families now owning land in Weston are here because of its rural atmosphere. The acquisition of a town forest of 100 acres or more would contribute greatly to this rural atmosphere.

Consequently, the committee feels that a town forest would have definite advantages to the Town, particularly in the future when the Town becomes more densely populated. It feels that 100 acres or more in the Jericho section is the proper location. Land should be acquired by gift, if possible, otherwise at a very low cost per acre.

The committee suggests that a permanent Town Forest Committee of three be created.

- (1) To consider as possibilities any tracts of land offered to the Town either as a gift or at very low price.
- (2) To study the Jericho area further and if authorized by the Town, to acquire land, by gift or purchase, in this section.
- (3) To manage any land acquired under (1) or (2).

Water Department

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The voters of the town at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 23, 1953, appropriated \$102,000 to meet the estimated cost of constructing a new well on land donated for the purpose by Agnes Fitzgerald and the cost of connecting a new discharge main with and strengthening of mains integrating the new well with the existing system.

The new well has been constructed and tested to prove a continuous pumping capacity of about 450 g.p.m. The town's hydraulic engineers had expected substantially greater production in view of exploratory tests previously made near the same location. The commissioners are awaiting the engineers' report and specifications for integrating the new well with the existing system and suggestions for increasing the production of the existing Nickerson Field well within its proved capacity.

During the past year the commissioners received applications for water main extensions estimated to cost substantially more than appropriated funds available for the purpose in the Blanket Extensions Account. The Department's 1954 budget requests appropriation to that account of an additional \$75,000 to provide funds to meet the cost of installations under presently pending and expected future applications. During the past year, funds aggregating \$58,038.31 were transferred to General Receipts of the Town under agreements with applicants for extensions obligating them to reimburse to the Town one hundred percent of costs.

Comparative statistics reflecting the physical operation of the Department for the years 1952 and 1953 appear in the table following this report.

WESTON WATER DEPARTMENT

Comparative Statistics

	1952	1953
Gallons pumped	142,515,300	155,837,900
Greatest Amount Pumped on One Day	1,087,700 (7/23)	1,080,000 (9/1)
Greatest Amount Pumped during One Week	6,286,500 (7/20-26)	5,502,000 (9/1-7)
Miles of Main End of Year	34.687	36.817
No. services end of year	1,164	1,247
Services in use end of year	1,137	1,227
Meters in use end of year	1,137	1,227
New services added	40	83
Monthly average consumed	11,876,275	12,986,491
Weekly average consumed	2,740,679	2,996,882
Daily average consumed	389,386	426,953

Cemeteries

REPORT OF THE CEMTERY COMMISSIONERS

Interments:	Resident	25
	Non-resident	20
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	Total	45
Receipts:	Sale of Lots	\$ 535.00
	Sale of Prepetual Care	2,850.00
	Annual Care of Lots	169.50
	Interments	1,665.00
	Grave Liners	504.00
	Foundations	340.00
	Rental of Tractor	1,093.00
	Miscellaneous	54.50
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		\$7,211.00

Receipts from the sale of lots and perpetual care were added to the Sale of Lots Funds and the Perpetual Care Fund respectively. All other receipts were paid into the Town Treasury.

Total expenditures amounted to \$12,665.13 of which \$11,115.35 was provided by the annual appropriation and \$1,549.78 by income from the Perpetual Care Fund.

In addition to the routine work of the Department, further progress was made during the year in the development of the new land, and a section in the older part of Linwood Cemetery was graded and seeded. This section will provide about 25 new lots. In all this work the tractor was of great value and was also used even more than last year by the Water Department and the Street Department.

Care of the trees and shrubs in the Cemeteries is, of course, part of the routine work. Several unsightly trees were removed this year and some pruning of dead limbs will be undertaken shortly.

Town Records, 1953 (condensed)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING — MARCH 23, 1953

Pursuant to a warrant duly served, the meeting was called to order in the lower hall by Francis G. Goodale, Moderator, at 12 o'clock noon, March 23, 1953. It was unanimously voted to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

The Moderator determined and announced the presence of a quorum.

The Town Clerk then swore the election officers to the faithful performance of their duties:

Ballot Clerks

Marie L. Tilton

John A. Cain

Election Officers

Mary R. Berry

John Harte

Tellers

Anna H. Smith

Mary E. Cain

Helen W. Blake

Yvonne M. Jacques

Dorothy R. Adams

Eleanor M. Cronin

Dorothy B. Cugini

Annie E. Barbetti

Elsie C. Cunningham

Thelma J. Hansen

Mary W. Chandler

Frances A. Harding

Margery V. Washburn

Mary A. McMahon

Mary G. Viles

Warren E. Vittum

The lower town hall had been fitted up as a polling place in conformity with the laws of the Commonwealth. The cards of instruction, penalties to voters, and specimen ballots were posted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth.

The ballot box was publicly opened and shown to be empty. The register on the box was set at zero (0) and the box immediately thereafter locked and the keys thereto delivered to the town clerk.

A package containing 3375 ballots was delivered to the ballot clerks by the town clerk who took their receipt therefor. The polls were then declared open.

Upon four occasions while the polls were open the ballot box was opened and ballots taken therefrom for counting, it being deemed advisable so to do in the unanimous judgment of the Presiding Election Officer and the Town Clerk. The times of thus opening the ballot box and the number of ballots taken therefrom were as follows:

4:00 P.M.	100 ballots
6:00 P.M.	150 ballots
6:55 P.M.	50 ballots
7:28 P.M.	50 ballots

At 7:45 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Upon opening the ballot box at the close of the polls 59 ballots were taken therefrom, which together with the 350 ballots previously taken made the number of votes cast 409. The number of names checked on the voting lists used by the ballot clerks and the election officer in charge of the reception of ballots was 409. The automatic register on the ballot box read 409 and 409 ballots were taken therefrom. The ballots were counted and recorded and declaration thereof made in open meeting by the Moderator.

MODERATOR (for one year)

Francis G. Goodale, Caucus Nominee	386
Blank	23

TOWN CLERK (for three years)

Edward M. Dickson, Caucus Nominee	390
Blank	19

SELECTMAN (for three years)

Charles M. Ganson, Caucus Nominee	372
Blank	32
J. Ward Carter	3
Scattering	2

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE (for three years)

Herbert Crouch, Caucus Nominee	367
Blank	41
Scattering	1

ASSESSOR (for three years)

Gerald W. Blakeley, Jr., Caucus Nominee	294
Louis B. Ronco	104
Blank	11

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (for three years)

Frances V. Marshall, Caucus Nominee	362
Mary C. Nichols, Caucus Nominee	337
Blank	119

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR (for one year)

Helen E. Cutting, Caucus Nominee	370
Blank	39

LIBRARY TRUSTEE (for three years)

Kathleen H. Anthony, Caucus Nominee	373
Blank	35
Scattering	1

TRUSTEE OF MERRIAM FUND (for three years)

Mary R. Berry, Caucus Nominee	381
Blank	28

PARK COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Walter W. Weld, Caucus Nominee	375
Blank	34

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Ray M. Koon, Caucus Nominee	382
Blank	27

BOARD OF HEALTH (for three years)

John H. Bishop, Caucus Nominee	377
Blank	32

MEASURERS OF LUMBER (for one year)

George M. Burke, Caucus Nominee	366
Harold A. Ogilvie, Caucus Nominee	361
Charles H. Stimpson, Jr., Caucus Nominee	372
Blank	127
Scattering	1

COMMISSIONER OF TRUST FUNDS (for three years)

Merton E. Williams, Caucus Nominee	337
Blank	72

WATER COMMISSIONER (for three years)

Carl E. Anderson, Caucus Nominee	373
Blank	36

PLANNING BOARD (for five years)

John A. Paine, Jr., Caucus Nominee	369
Blank	39
Scattering	1

TREE WARDEN (for one year)

John L. Duffy, Caucus Nominee	374
Blank	35

RECREATION COMMISSION (for three years)

Harry C. Crawford, Jr., Caucus Nominee	376
Parker Williams, Caucus Nominee	370
Blank	72

While the polls were open the ballot box was in charge of John Harte and the voting list used in connection therewith was in charge of Mary R. Berry.

The votes were canvassed and counted by the tellers, and declaration thereof made in open town meeting by the Moderator, and after record thereof had been made the Moderator caused all ballots cast at the election, the tally sheets used in counting the votes and the voting lists used in the distribution and deposit of ballots publicly to be enclosed in envelopes which were sealed and endorsed and certified in the manner required by law. The above-mentioned envelopes, together with the ballot box and the seal were forthwith delivered to the Town Clerk.

The business meeting was called to order in the upper town hall at 8 P.M. by the Moderator who determined and announced the presence of a quorum.

It was voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: We, the citizens of Weston assembled in our annual town meeting, observe with profound regret the ending of an even half century of service to the Town by Edward P. Ripley in the offices of overseer of the poor, moth superintendent, forest warden, tree warden, measurer of lumber, wartime fuel administrator, water commissioner for twenty-one years, and assessor for thirty-one years—service seldom equalled in municipal annals. During these fifty years have occurred a substantial growth of the Town, a widening and increased complexity of its affairs, and alteration of many of its characteristics; but at the same time the basic values and the fundamentals of town government of the earlier era have been carried forward to the present. In this transition Mr. Ripley has contributed much through his profound knowledge of the Town, its history and people gained by membership in one of its old families, a long lifetime of residence in it, and a lively and affectionate interest in its affairs. To the discharge of the manifold duties of his several offices he has given painstaking efforts, ability, and good common sense. In his dealings with his colleagues and the townspeople he has been helpful, friendly and courteous. And now, at the close of this long and honorable period of service, we join wholeheartedly in expressing our thanks and affectionate good wishes to Mr. Ripley as our neighbor and friend, and in saying to him the familiar words "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Further *RESOLVED* that this resolution be spread upon the records of the Town and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Ripley.

Article 2. Voted: That the several reports of the town officers and committees as printed in the annual town report for 1952 be accepted and placed on file subject to any corrections which may be made by this meeting or by the town clerk.

Article 3 (1) Mr. Wm. R. Dewey, Jr. moved that the several sums of money recommended by the selectmen for appropriation in 1953 in accordance with section 5 of Article II of the by-laws, set forth on pages 19 to 32 of the annual town report for 1952, be appropriated for their respective purposes set forth on said pages, but with the following changes:

Under the title General Government on pages 19 and 20 of the town report: the item Treasurer and Collector—Salary increased from \$4,587.50 to \$4,650.00; the item Assessors—Chairman's Salary increased from \$100.00 to \$325.00; and the item Total General Government increased from \$58,824.50 to \$59,112.00.

Under the title Protection of Persons and Property on page 21 of the town report: the item Fire Department—Other Expenses

increased from \$5,275.00 to \$5,550.00; and the item Total Protection of Persons and Property increased from \$100,330.00 to \$100,605.00.

Under the title Health and Sanitation on page 22 of the town report: the item Mosquito Control East Middlesex Project increased from \$4,000.00 to \$6,500.00; and the item Total for Health and Sanitation increased from \$11,390.00 to \$13,890.00.

Under the title Unclassified on pages 28 and 29 of the town report: the item Insurance, Motor Vehicles decreased from \$2,300.00 to \$2,000.00; the item Insurance, All Other increased from \$75.00 to \$175.00; and the item Total Unclassified decreased from \$21,730.28 to \$21,530.28.

Under the title Recapitulation on page 32 of the town report: the item Appropriations Recommended increased from \$773,489.81 to \$776,352.31.

The budget was voted as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen—Chairman's Salary	\$ 200.00
2nd Member's Salary	100.00
3rd Member's Salary	100.00
Expenses	300.00
Finance Committee	50.00
Town Accountant and Executive Secretary—Salary	7,812.50
Expenses	360.00
Treasurer and Collector—Salary	4,650.00
Office Salaries	2,712.00
Expenses	2,466.00
Assessors—Chairman's Salary	325.00
2nd Member's Salary	100.00
3rd Member's Salary	100.00
Office Salaries	332.00
Expenses	525.00
Town Clerk—Salary	150.00
Expenses	250.00
Clerk of Committees	11,168.00
Town Engineer—Salary	5,187.50
Expenses	300.00
Law	2,875.00
Election and Registration	\$ 948.00
Planning Board	1,250.00

Town Hall—Salaries	6,211.00
Expenses	5,970.00
Equipment	670.00
Former Jones Property	4,000.00

\$59,112.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Dept.—Salaries	\$35,807.00
Other Expenses	4,000.00
Fire Dept.—Salaries	31,773.00
Other Expenses	5,550.00
Equipment and Apparatus	2,000.00
Hydrant Service	8,060.00
Civil Defense Expenses	1,600.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	25.00
Moth Extermination	3,750.00
Dutch Elm Disease Control	1,250.00
Tree Warden	6,300.00
Building Inspector	490.00

100,605.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health—Chairman's Salary	25.00
Secretary's Salary	50.00
3rd Member's Salary	25.00
Expenses	3,250.00
Co-operating Boards of Health	2,540.00
Inspection of Plumbing	1,500.00
Mosquito Control East Middlesex Project	6,500.00

13,890.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Salaries	\$42,235.00
Expenses	29,280.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,500.00
Chapter 90, Construction	500.00
Highway Equipment	2,300.00
Street Lighting	13,000.00
Public Dump	2,500.00

91,315.00

PUBLIC WELFARE

Board of Public Welfare—Chairman's Salary	\$ 50.00	
2nd Member's Salary	50.00	
3rd Member's Salary	50.00	
Administration—Salaries	1,900.00	
Expenses	550.00	
Aid Expense	26,200.00	
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		28,800.00
Soldier's Benefits		800.00

SCHOOLS

Salaries	\$271,570.00	
Inspection of School Children	900.00	
School Nurse	2,310.00	
Utilities and Fuel	21,350.00	
Maintenance, Repair and Other Expenses	45,977.00	
Transportation	34,900.00	
Athletic Field Equipment and Maintenance	825.00	
Vocational Education	800.00	
Out of State Travel	600.00	
Association Membership Dues	146.00	
School Athletic Fund	300.00	
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		379,678.00

LIBRARIES

Salaries	\$15,500.00	
Other Expenses	1,767.53	
Books, Periodicals & Records	3,500.00	
Maintenance & Repair	750.00	
Equipment	350.00	
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		\$21,867.53

RECREATION

Recreation Commission	\$11,722.50	
Park Department	1,470.00	
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		13,192.50

UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	\$ 300.00
Town Reports	2,100.00
Insurance, Fire and Boiler	2,005.00
Insurance, Workmen's Compensation	3,900.00
Insurance, Motor Vehicles	2,000.00

Insurance, All Other	175.00	
Town Owned Houses	400.00	
Contributory Retirement Fund, Administrative	5.00	
Contributory Retirement Fund	7,895.28	
All Other	1,100.00	
Town Bulletin	1,600.00	
Historical Committee	50.00	
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WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Comm. Salaries Chairman	100.00	
2nd Member	100.00	
3rd Member	100.00	
Salaries	15,902.00	
Expenses	15,692.00	
Equipment and Apparatus	2,400.00	
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CEMETERIES

Salaries	\$10,133.00	
Expenses	1,125.00	
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Interest on Refunds		10.00
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		\$776,352.31

Article 3 (2) Voted: That the rates per year of the salaries of the members of the board of selectmen, the town clerk, the treasurer and collector, the members of the board of public welfare, the second and third members of the board of assessors, the members of the board of health, and the members of the board of water commissioners be fixed, effective from January 1, 1953, in amounts equivalent to the amounts appropriated for such salaries, respectively, by previous vote under this article; that the rate per year of the salary of the chairman of the board of assessors be fixed at \$1000 effective from January 1, 1953, to March 31, 1953, and at \$100 effective from April 1, 1953; and that all other elected officers of the Town be unpaid.

Article 3 (3). Voted: That five persons be appointed by the moderator to serve as a Memorial Day Committee in 1953, with authority to expend for the observance of that day the sum of \$300. already appropriated for that purpose by previous vote under this article.

Article 4. Voted: That the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be authorized to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year to an amount not exceeding \$150,000, and to issue therefor a note or notes each payable within one year from its date, and to renew or refund any note or notes given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, chapter 44, section 17.

Article 5. Voted: That the sum of \$9,000.00 be transferred from the overlay reserve fund to the reserve fund.

Article 6. Voted: That this article be passed over and so disposed of.

Article 7. Voted: That the sum of \$1,432.47, being the amount of the 1953 dog license refund received from the treasurer of Middlesex County, be appropriated for Libraries—Other Expenses, in addition to the amount already appropriated for that purpose by vote under Article 3.

Article 8. Voted: That the sums of \$3,000 and \$1,500 be appropriated from available funds to meet that part of the cost of chapter 90 highway maintenance and chapter 90 highway construction, respectively, which falls upon the Commonwealth and Middlesex County; the reimbursements from the Commonwealth and Middlesex County to be restored upon their receipt to available funds.

Article 9 (1). Voted: That this article be postponed for consideration after Article 16.

Article 9 (2). Voted: That the sum of \$43,000.00 be appropriated for the use of the water commissioners for laying or relaying water mains not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter in Loring Road and Summer Street and the vicinity thereof, and be raised by borrowing outside the statutory limit under the authority of and in conformity to chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, to which end the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$43,000.00, and to determine in conformity to law the period of the loan, all particulars as to the form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Article 10. Voted: That the Town accept layouts of Lantern Lane, Old Coach Road, Coburn Road, Rolling Lane, Ferndale Road, Dean Road, Old Colony Road, and Columbine Road as public town ways made by and described in orders of the selectmen adopted March 14, 1953, on file in the office of the town clerk.

Article 11. Voted: That the cemetery commissioners be authorized

to reacquire lots nos. 781 and 798 heretofore sold in Linwood Cemetery, and that the sum of \$200 be appropriated from the Burial Grounds — Sale of Lots Fund for the use of the cemetery commissioners for the purpose of repaying the purchase price of said lots.

Article 12 (1). Voted: That the vote adopted under the third article of the warrant at the town meeting held on October 28, 1946, be amended (1) by changing the word "nine" to read "six" in the first sentence; and (2) by striking out the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth sentences and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences: The selectmen shall annually appoint two members of the Committee for terms of three years commencing April 1, and shall fill any vacancy in the membership of the Committee for the unexpired term. The members of the Committee shall choose the chairman and the secretary.

Article 12 (2). Voted: Notwithstanding previous votes of the Town respecting the Bulletin Committee and appointments made pursuant thereto, the terms of office of all the nine present members of the Committee shall expire on March 31, 1953; the selectmen shall presently appoint two members for terms of one year, two members for terms of two years, and two members for terms of three years, all commencing April 1, 1953; and thereafter appointments shall be made as provided in the amendment previously voted under this article.

Article 13. Mr. Raymond W. Coburn moved that there is hereby established a permanent educational fund committee of five citizens of the Town, of whom, preferably but not necessarily, at least two shall be graduates of the Weston High School, one the principal or other member of the faculty of the Weston High School, and at least one a veteran. The moderator shall presently appoint the first members of the committee for terms, respectively, of one, two, three, four, and five years commencing April 1, 1953; and thereafter shall annually appoint one member of the committee for a term of five years commencing April 1, and shall fill any vacancy in the membership of the committee for the unexpired term. The committee from time to time shall choose its chairman and secretary. The committee is authorized to accept in the name and behalf of the Town gifts to it in trust for the establishment and enlargement of a trust fund as a memorial of its citizens who served in the Armed Forces in all wars, to be called the Weston War Memorial Educational Fund, the purpose of which shall be to assist and advance the post-secondary education of graduates of the Weston High School. Such amounts of the income of the fund as the committee in its discretion may from time to time determine shall be added to the principal of the fund. Income not added to the principal shall be available to the committee for use for the purpose of the fund; principal shall not be so available. All matters pertaining to such use of available income, including selection

of beneficiaries and the times, methods and amounts of providing benefits to them, shall be determined solely by the committee, which shall have full authority and discretion to take any lawful action appropriate to its functions. The foregoing provisions, excepting only the provision stating the purpose of the fund and the provision against use of principal, shall be subject to modification from time to time by the Town without action by any court or consent of any person. All gifts to the fund shall be presumed to have been made with a general charitable intent permitting the application of the doctrine of cy pres to the fund by a court of competent jurisdiction in appropriate circumstances. The Town shall not be obligated in any way to contribute to the fund or to supplement the benefits provided thereby.

Mr. Kenneth Minihan moved that the fourth sentence in Mr. Coburn's motion be amended to read "The committee is authorized to accept in the name and behalf of the Town gifts to it in trust for the establishment and enlargement of a trust fund as a memorial of its citizens who served in the Armed Forces in all wars, to be called the Weston War Memorial Educational Fund, the purpose of which shall be to assist and advance the post-secondary education of residents of Weston."

Mr. Coburn did not accept this amendment to his motion. It was then put to a voice vote and was defeated.

Voted: There is hereby established a permanent educational fund committee of five citizens of the Town, of whom, preferably but not necessarily, at least two shall be graduates of the Weston High School, one the principal or other member of the faculty of the Weston High School, and at least one a veteran. The moderator shall presently appoint the first members of the committee for terms, respectively, of one, two, three, four, and five years commencing April 1, 1953; and thereafter shall annually appoint one member of the committee for a term of five years commencing April 1, and shall fill any vacancy in the membership of the committee for the unexpired term. The committee from time to time shall choose its chairman and secretary. The committee is authorized to accept in the name and behalf of the Town gifts to it in trust for the establishment and enlargement of a trust fund as a memorial of its citizens who served in the Armed Forces in all wars, to be called the Weston War Memorial Educational Fund, the purpose of which shall be to assist and advance the post-secondary education of graduates of the Weston High School. Such amounts of the income of the fund as the committee in its discretion may from time to time determine shall be added to the principal of the fund. Income not added to the principal shall be available to the committee for use for the purpose of the fund; principal shall not be so available. All matters pertaining to such use of available income,

including selection of beneficiaries and the times, methods and amounts of providing benefits to them, shall be determined solely by the committee, which shall have full authority and discretion to take any lawful action appropriate to its functions. The foregoing provisions, excepting only the provision stating the purpose of the fund and the provision against use of principal, shall be subject to modification from time to time by the Town without action by any court or consent of any person. All gifts to the fund shall be presumed to have been made with a general charitable intent permitting the application of the doctrine of cy pres to the fund by a court of competent jurisdiction in appropriate circumstances. The Town shall not be obligated in any way to contribute to the fund or to supplement the benefits provided thereby.

Article 14. Voted: That a special committee of five citizens of the Town be established to make an investigation of the matter of a town forest, and to make a written report to the Town not later than February 1, 1954; that the moderator appoint the members of the committee and fill any vacancies in its membership; and that the sum of \$500 be appropriated for the use of the committee for employment of experts and other expenses of the committee.

Article 15. Voted: That in addition to previous appropriations the following sums, aggregating \$60,000.00, be appropriated for the use and purposes of the special school building committee established in 1952; the sum of \$18,335.68 to be provided by transfer of the unexpended balance remaining of appropriations heretofore made for the project, now completed, of the special school building committee established in 1946; and the sum of \$41,164.32 to be raised by taxation.

Article 16. Voted: The water commissioners, with the advice and approval of the department of public health, are authorized to take any lawful action incidental to the development of an additional well field in the area between Riverside Road and South Avenue for use as a source of water supply for the Town's water system, including in such incidentals (without limitation of generality) construction of a well or wells; construction of a pumping station; installation of original pumping station equipment; installation of water mains not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter to connect such well field with the system; acquisition of lands and easements, water sources and rights, and other rights and interests in lands by purchase, eminent domain or gift; selection, employment and payment of engineers and other experts, and contractors; and the making of all suitable contracts, arrangements and instruments. For the use of the water commissioners for the development of such well field as aforesaid, the sum of \$59,000.00 is appropriated, and shall be raised by borrowing outside the statutory limit under the authority of and

in conformity to chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, to which end the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$59,000, and to determine in conformity to law the period of the loan, all particulars as to the form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities, and the rate and times of payment of interest on them. Adopted unanimously.

Article 9 (1). Voted: That the sum of \$46,000.00 be appropriated from available funds to the "Blanket Extensions" account of the water department for the use of the water commissioners for laying or relaying water mains not less than six inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That the voters of the Town of Weston strongly urge that the proposed high tension electric transmission line of the Boston Edison Company through the center of Weston be placed underground in order to avoid the impairment of real estate values and the damage to the landscape and the appearance of the Town which would result from an overhead installation.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That the citizens of the Town of Weston, in Annual Town Meeting assembled, being informed that the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority is surveying a possible route through Weston, among other routes, for the proposed east-west toll highway, desire that their opposition to any location in the Town of Weston for such highway be made known to the Governor of the Commonwealth and to the members of said Authority, because of the great damage to property in the Town of Weston which would result therefrom in addition to the damage already sustained by the Town by the location of Route 128 therein, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to His Excellency Governor Christian A. Herter and to the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority urging as strongly as possible that any plan for the location of said highway in the Town of Weston be abandoned.

There being no further business it was moved and seconded that the meeting be dissolved. Motion carried by unanimous vote and the meeting was dissolved by the Moderator at 9:37 P.M.

The following votes were adopted by the Selectmen during 1953:

January 10, 1953 Proposals for the purchase of the \$65,000 water note for laying or relaying water mains not less than 6 inches but less than sixteen inches in diameter authorized by vote of the special town meeting December 15, 1952, under Article 5, were received. The bid of Second National Bank of Boston for the purchase of the note at an interest rate of 0.80% and a price of 100 plus a premium of \$1.00 and accrued interest to date of delivery being considered, after discussion, to be the lowest and most favorable bid, on motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously *voted*

(1) That the interest rate of 0.80% per annum on the \$65,000 Weston Water Loan No. 16 1953 the issue of which was authorized by the voters at the special town meeting held December 15, 1952 be and hereby is fixed and determined as the rate of interest to be payable on said note;

(2) That the period of the loan be fixed at one year to mature January 15, 1954;

(3) That the other terms of said note be substantially as stated in the form of the note submitted at the meeting;

(4) That said issue of note be and hereby is awarded to Second National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts, at a price of 100 plus \$1.00 premium and accrued interest to date of delivery; and

(5) That all matters pertaining to solicitation of bids for the purchase of this note and any other action taken by the Town Treasurer relative thereto or to the sale of said note or to any of the matters referred to in this vote be and hereby is approved.

Voted to require the Boston Edison Company to file a bond in the amount of \$5000 as security for damages in connection with eminent domain proceedings authorized in the Town of Weston by the Department of Public Utilities. The security provided by this bond is covered by General Laws, Chapter 79, Section 40.

February 21, 1953 The Board considered the matter of laying out Lantern Lane, Old Coach Road, Rolling Lane, Coburn Road, Old Colony Road, Ferndale Road, Dean Road, Columbine Road as public Town ways.

Voted to sign notices of intention to lay them out, and to authorize each of the police officers to serve the notices in behalf of the board. The Board set the date for the hearing to be held on its intention to lay out the foregoing private ways as Saturday, March 7, 1953, at the Weston Town Hall.

March 7, 1953 Pursuant to notices of intention to lay out as public

town ways Lantern Lane, Old Coach Road, Coburn Road, Rolling Lane, Old Colony Road, Ferndale Road, Dean Road and Columbine Road issued under the date of February 21, 1953, the Board held hearings on the proposed layouts at the Town Hall at the time stated in the notices.

Voted that the proposed layouts as shown on the plans thereof prepared by the Town Engineer be referred to the Planning Board for a report, and that the Executive Secretary send such reference to the Planning Board in the name and behalf of the Board.

March 14, 1953 The Board considered four orders laying out Lantern Lane and Old Coach Road; Coburn Road; Rolling Lane; and Old Colony Road, Ferndale Road, Dean Road, and Columbine Road as public town ways, and the five plans referred to therein. *Voted* to adopt and sign said orders and plans and to file them in the office of the Town Clerk which was done.

Voted to adopt and sign the warrant for the annual town meeting to be held on March 23, 1953 and that attested copies thereof be posted at the Town House, at the Kendal Green railroad station, and the Town bulletin board at the junction of South Avenue, Newton Street and Park Road. The warrant was then signed.

April 22, 1953 The meeting considered the \$102,000 Weston Water Loan bonds, authorized to be issued by votes of the town duly adopted at the annual town meeting held March 23, 1953.

Voted: That the \$102,000 Weston Water Loan bonds authorized to be issued by votes of the town duly adopted at the annual town meeting held March 23, 1953, shall be dated April 1, 1953, shall be in denominations of \$1,000 each; and shall be substantially in the form of the bond submitted to and hereby approved by this meeting;

That 12 of said bonds shall mature on the first day of April in 1954 and ten shall mature on the first day of April in each of the years 1955 to 1963 inclusive;

That the interest rate on said bonds be and it hereby is fixed at 1.80% payable semiannually; and

That the bid of Union Securities Corp. of Boston, Mass. to purchase said bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 1.80% per annum payable semiannually, at 100.10 and interest accrued to date of delivery, being the best bid received for said bonds, be and it hereby is accepted and the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to deliver said bonds to the aforesaid purchaser or order against payment therefor.

May 7, 1953 The meeting considered the \$1,030,000 Weston School Loan No. 8 bonds, authorized to be issued by a vote of the town duly adopted at a special town meeting held December 15, 1952.

Voted: That the \$1,030,000 Weston School Loan No. 8 bonds authorized to be issued by a vote of the town duly adopted at a special town meeting held December 15, 1952, shall be dated May 1, 1953, shall be in denominations of \$1,000 each; and shall be substantially in the form of the bond submitted to and hereby approved by this meeting;

That 70 of said bonds shall mature on the first day of May in each of the years 1954 to 1967 inclusive, and 50 of said bonds shall mature on the first day of May 1968;

That the interest rate on said bonds be and it hereby is fixed at 2.20% payable semiannually; and

That the bid of Halsey Stuart & Co., Harriman Ripley & Co., Inc., Hornblower & Weeks, Goldman Sachs & Co. of Boston and New York to purchase said bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 2.20% per annum payable semiannually, at 100.03 and interest accrued to date of delivery, being the best bid received for said bonds, be and it hereby is accepted and the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to deliver said bonds to the aforesaid purchaser or order against payment therefor.

June 8, 1953 Voted to accept the proposal of Perrin Seamans & Co., Inc., 226 Mystic Ave., Medford, Mass., for furnishing one tractor with side-mounted mower attachment and snow plow attachment for the sum of \$2,180.25. This was the lowest net bid received following advertising for bids in the Waltham News Tribune, Monday, May 18, 1953.

June 23, 1953 Voted to accept proposals for supplying fuels for Town buildings for the year 1953-54 as follows:

City Range and Fuel Oil Company, Waltham, Mass.:

No. 1 fuel oil at the posted tank car price for the Boston Market plus \$.01 per gallon.

No. 2 fuel oil at the posted tank car price for the Boston Market plus \$.005 per gallon.

F. Diehl & Sons, Inc., Wellesley, Mass.:

No. 5 fuel oil at the posted tank car price for the Boston Market plus \$.15 per barrel.

B. L. Ogilvie & Sons, Inc., Weston, Mass.:

Anthracite coal egg size at \$20.00 per net ton.

Anthracite coal pea size at 17.75 per net ton.

Glendale Coal Company, Charlestown, Mass.

Bituminous stoker coal at \$13.50 per net ton.

These were the lowest net bids received following advertising in the Waltham News Tribune, Monday, June 8, 1953.

July 27, 1953 Voted to accept the proposal of Gulf Oil Corporation, Boston, Mass. for supplying gasoline to Town of Weston for the period ending June 30, 1954 at the consumer tank wagon price less \$.005 per gallon plus Massachusetts state tax of \$.05 per gallon and for providing and installing without additional cost to the Town an underground storage tank of 3,000 gallons and an electric dispensing pump. This was best offer received following advertising in the Waltham News Tribune on Wednesday, July 1, 1953.

August 13, 1953 Voted to accept the proposal of Corcoran Motor Sales Co., Inc., Wellesley, Mass., for furnishing for the use of the Police Department one Ford ranch wagon with equipment for the sum of \$2,255.00, this being the lowest net bid received following advertising in the Waltham News Tribune, Thursday, July 23, 1953.

Voted to authorize the sale of the 1950 Mercury sedan, used by the Police Department, to Corcoran Motor Sales Co., Inc. for the sum of \$665.00.

September 29, 1953 Voted to request an allotment of \$1,500.00 from the County and \$1,500.00 from the State subject to appropriation of \$1,500.00 by the Town for Chapter 90 Maintenance program of 1954; and to request an allotment for Chapter 90 Construction during 1954 of \$4,000.00 from State and \$2,000.00 from the County to be used for completion of construction work on bridge over Hobbs Brook at Route 117 (North Avenue) and for construction work on Conant Road between Fitchburg Division of Boston and Maine Railroad and North Avenue.

October 5, 1953 Voted to accept the proposal of M. J. Leahy, Inc., Roxbury, Mass. for supplying 27,000 feet of fire alarm cable at a unit price of \$.04202 per foot, a total of \$1,134.54. This was the lowest net bid received following advertisement in the Waltham News Tribune, Thursday, August 6, 1953.

November 2, 1953. Voted to authorize withdrawal of \$31.00 from income of World War Trust Fund to pay portion of expenses of Memorial Day Committee.

The following licenses were issued by the Selectmen during 1953:

Taxicab Licenses

Mildred C. West
1949 Plymouth
1953 Plymouth

Arthur J. Lillis
1941 Cadillac
1953 Nash
1953 Nash

Frozen Desserts

Foote Bros., 292 North Avenue, Weston
Cedar Hill Dairy Bar, 327 North Avenue, Weston

Innholder's License

The Weston Inn, 135 North Avenue, Weston

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The Weston Inn, 135 North Avenue, Weston
Foote Bros., 292 North Avenue, Weston
Cedar Hill Dairy Bar, 327 North Avenue, Weston
Ye Olde Cottage Restaurant, 403 Boston Post Road, Weston
Carver's Store, 456 Boston Post Road, Weston

Public Entertainment

Carnival

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Weston Post 2596

Junk License

Samuel Cutler, 134 Charles Street, Waltham, Mass.

License to Operate Motor Bus for Carriage of Persons for Hire

Middlesex and Boston Street Railway Company

The Selectmen made the following appointments during 1953:

TOWN COUNSEL

Grant M. Palmer, Jr.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

J. Ward Carter

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Stanley Fabbri

LOCAL MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

John L. Duffy

TOWN ENGINEER

Charles H. Stimpson, Jr.

CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Maurice L. Upham

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Charles H. Stimpson, Jr.

CHIEF OF POLICE

J. Sumner Viles

PERMANENT RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS (under Civil Service)

Charles E. MacLeod

CONSTABLES AND DOG OFFICERS

J. Sumner Viles

Harold L. Lingley

Lawrence H. Cugini

Frank J. Woods

Willard J. Frye (resigned)

Frank O. Shaw

Robert C. Millen

John J. Cronin, Jr.

Robert P. Lazzari

CONSTABLE

Maurice L. Upham

CONSTABLE TO SERVE CIVIL PROCESS

Lawrence H. Cugini

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Frank J. Connolly (term to expire 1956)

DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Austin S. Hale

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

E. Paul Floyd

VETERANS' AGENT

Wm. R. Dewey, Jr.

BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER

Guy Garland (term to expire 1956)

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Gertrude Fiske

FOREST WARDEN

Maurice L. Upham

BALLOT CLERKS

Marie L. Tilton

John A. Cain

ELECTION OFFICERS

Mary R. Berry

John Harte

TELLERS

Dorothy R. Adams

Mary E. Cain

Dorothy R. Cugini

Eleanor M. Cronin

Elsie C. Cunningham

Annie E. Barbetti

Anna H. Smith

Thelma J. Hansen

Helen W. Blake

Frances Harding

Mary W. Chandler

Yvonne M. Jacques

Margery V. Washburn

Mary A. McMahon

Mary G. Viles

Warren E. Vittum

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, POUND KEEPER
AND KEEPER OF LOCKUP

J. Sumner Viles

BURIAL AGENT

BURIAL AGENT FOR VETERANS

VETERAN GRAVES OFFICER

Winfred A. Martin

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

J. Sumner Viles	Raymond E. Ogilvie
Frederick M. Foote	Alden Whittemore
Bernice Cahill	Wilbur Upham
Harold A. Ogilvie	Vina MacLeod

WEIGHERS OF CRUSHED STONE AND BITUMINOUS MATERIAL

Edgar S. Burkhardt	Richard Robinson
Owen T. Hillberg	John J. Whelan
Clifford C. Cooper, Jr.	Robert S. Burkhardt
John T. Sheehan	George M. Ferrier

FIELD DRIVERS

Frank S. Owen	Arthur D. Shaver
	Robert T. Fisher, Jr.

FENCE VIEWERS

Alfred C. Neal	Everett A. Grant
	Glenn N. Lempereur

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Paul R. Allen	Charles E. MacLeod
J. Robert Ayers	Winfred A. Martin
Benjamin S. Blake	Adam M. McClay
Edward C. Briggs	Horace P. Morton
Roland L. Bumpus	John S. O'Brien
John A. Cain, Jr.	Oscar Payne
Philip Cassidy	Gilbert Peakes
Anthony R. Ciraso	Leander F. Rafuse
Raymond W. Coburn	Alfred F. Raynor, Jr.
Fred J. Cunningham	Philip J. Sheehan
Wm. R. Dewey, Jr.	Reginald W. Stevens
Edward M. Dickson	Charles H. Stimpson, Jr.
John L. Duffy	Pickering D. Stone
E. Olsen Field	Herbert E. Tyler
E. Paul Floyd	Maurice L. Upham
Charles M. Ganson	Warren E. Vittum
Eugene O. Hanson	Stanley Warren
Dorothy S. Hartel	Olney Washburn
Bartholomew Kelly	Parker Williams
Joseph MacDonald	

APPOINTMENT BY THE SELECTMEN AND THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Marjory L. Blaney (to fill vacancy caused by
resignation of Kathleen H. Anthony)

APPOINTMENT BY THE SELECTMEN AND THE PLANNING BOARD

Glenn N. Lempereur (to fill vacancy caused by
resignation of T. Robert Frost)

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

WESTON-ROMBAS AFFILIATION COMMITTEE

To represent the Educational Institutions of Weston for a term
of one year:

From the Weston High School Faculty: Miss Eleanor A. Mastin

From the Weston High School Student Body: John Ferries,
Cleora Styron

From Regis College Student Body: Miss Anne Raymond

From the Cambridge School Faculty: Mrs. Hilda Washburn

Registered voters for three-year term (to expire 1956):

Henry W. Patterson

Mrs. Walter H. Trumbull

John W. Boyd

Mrs. Robert A. Weaver

SPECIAL SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

(Appointed under Article 18 at the annual town meeting
held March 31, 1952)

James S. Turner (to fill vacancy caused by
resignation of Herbert W. Weber)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(for three years)

Paul D. Bartlett

Edward R. Langenbach

Charles G. Squibb

HIGH SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND

(Appointed under Article 13 of warrant for March 23,
1953 Annual Town Meeting.)

Raymond W. Coburn

Julius H. Mueller

Alice Tyler Fraser

Anthony Brayton

Harold W. Martin

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON MATTER
OF TOWN FOREST

(Appointed under Article 14 of warrant for March 23,
1953 Annual Town Meeting.)

John L. Duffy	Donald Wyman
Albert M. Taber	Ray M. Koon (resigned)
Sylvia Stockmayer	Walter W. Weld (to fill vacancy)

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

G. Murray Burke, Chairman	Julius H. Mueller
Florence Harrington	Frank J. Woods
Leonard H. Dowse	

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

AGENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Curtis M. Hilliard

INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

Harold B. Colpitts

ALTERNATE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

Stephen L. Colpitts

SANITARY INSPECTOR

Alfred P. Spada

AGENTS TO ISSUE BURIAL PERMITS

Edward M. Dickson	Wm. R. Dewey, Jr.
Muriel R. Vittum	Margaret E. Berry
J. Ward Carter	

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Dr. Paul Granholm

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Dr. Paul Granholm

COMMISSIONER, EAST MIDDLESEX
MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Donaldson R. McMullin

JURY LIST 1953-54

Harold Alcaide	Factory Worker	4 Newton Street
Margaret H. Allen	Housewife	242 Merriam Street
Hamilton T. Bailey	Underwriter	60 Byron Road
John R. Baine	Asst. Buyer	85 Chestnut Street
Malcomb H. Brodrick	Adv. Business	74 Pinecroft Road
George E. Buckminster	Estimator	155 Conant Road
Richard J. Comey	Publisher	228 Boston Post Road
Wendell A. Dean	Farmer	834 Boston Post Road
John H. Doyle, Jr.	Bookkeeper	208 Newton Street
Juliette H. Dowse	Housewife	87 North Avenue
James W. Gaughan	Sales Manager	273 Conant Road
Charles F. Gimber	Rep.	229 Conant Road
Arieta B. Gould	Housewife	91 Sunset Road
Parker Harrison	Broker	55 Ridgeway Road
Rudolph L. Helgeson	Sales Engineer	276 North Avenue
Florence P. Hastings	Housewife	132 Wellesley Street
William Hoblitzell	Real Estate	410 Glen Road
Herbert W. Homond	Bank Supervisor	101 Westland Road
Jack L. Hobby	Public Rel.	Shaylor Lane
Alfred R. Hoxie	Post Office Clerk	336 Conant Road
W. Wallace Jenkins	Engineer	6 Newton Street
Arthur F. Jones	Engineer	56 Brook Road
Albert B. Joy	Salesmanager	28 Derby Lane
Carl M. Koelb	Architect	181 Winter Street
Herman Koester, Jr.	Consulting Engineer	7 Conant Road
Robert F. Larsen	Market Research	47 Fairview Road
Gerard Leone	Salesman	271 Merriam Street
Robert H. Lerch	Sales Mgr.	56 Bogle Street
Gordon Littlehale	Treasurer	70 Wellesley Street
Zella F. W. Longfellow	Housewife	268 Concord Road
Donald R. MacLean	Ins. Agent	Old Coach Road
Webb R. Marden	Supervisor	98 Brown Street
Stanley H. Melby	Salesman	4 Lantern Lane
Vincent Melone	Wool Bus.	27 Crescent Street
Frank D. Mills	Bus. Res.	Doublet Hill Road
Robert D. Murray	Supervisor	54 Pinecroft Road
Frederick S. E. Page	Fuel Oil Dealer	40 Lexington Street
Arthur R. Pearce	Machinist	48 Golden Ball Road
Margery B. Pendleton	Real Estate Sales	10 Aberdeen Road
Howard C. Perrine	Treasurer	2 Pigeon Hill Road
John W. Pinkham	Electrician	67 Bogle Street
Edgar R. St. Germain	Auto Business	99 Concord Road
Joseph J. Ryan	Office Equipment	28 Byron Road
Everett Schwartz	Wool Merchant	7 Partridge Hill Road
John E. Schwartz	Watchmaker	193 Merriam Street

Sarah F. Shepard	Housewife	208 Boston Post Road
Everett L. Stone	Sales Executive	251 Boston Post Road
Clifford E. Stubbs	Advertising	3 Ferndale Road
Albert M. Taber	Bank Treasurer	389 North Avenue
Mary P. Trumbull	Housewife	185 Meadowbrook Road
Mark C. Walker	Automobile Dealer	10 AppleCrest Road
Wilbur L. Watkins	Adv. Business	18 Cedar Road
Robert A. Weaver, Jr.	Executive	185 Winter Street
Gordon L. Wheeler	Advertising	12 Wellesley Street

JURORS DRAWN

Traverse Jurors

Alexander J. McKenzie	Jack Hobby
Elizabeth S. Hanson	Webb R. Marden
Hazel F. Bulwinkle	Mark C. Walker
Frank D. Mills	Margery B. Pendleton
W. Wallace Jenkins	John W. Boyd

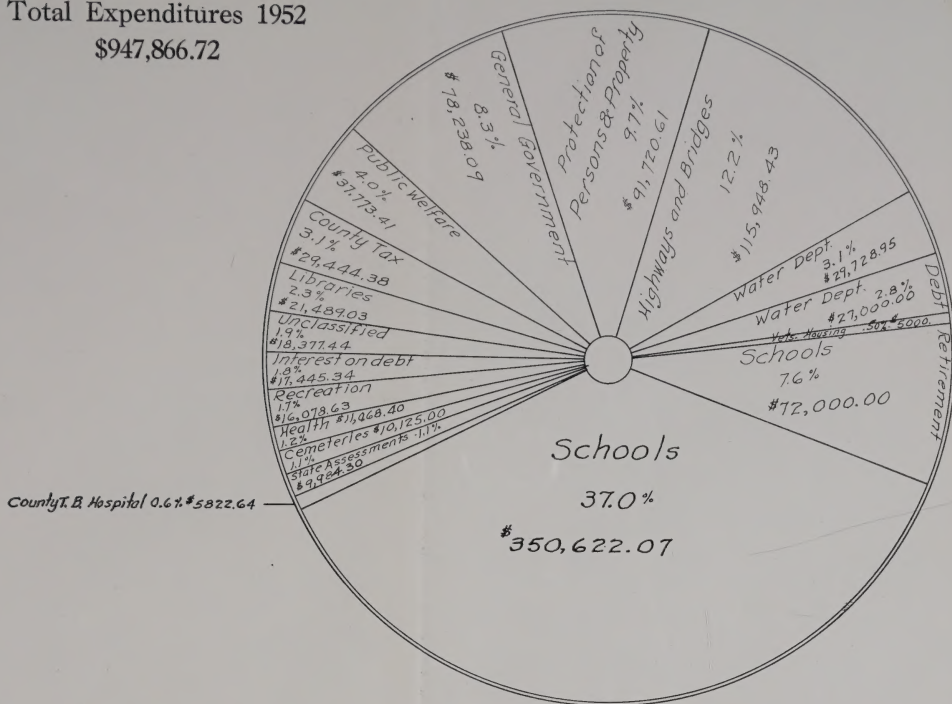
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Distribution of Expenditures

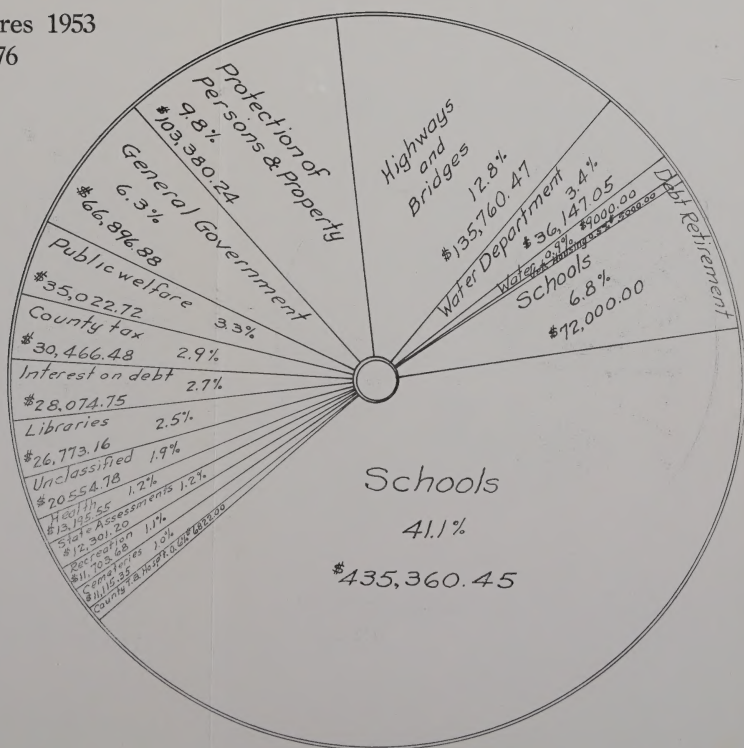
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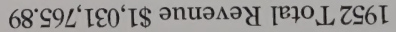
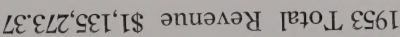


Total Expenditures 1953

\$1,059,574.76



Graphic Comparison of Revenue and Expenditures 1952 and 1953



Sources of Revenue

